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Starting today, our Food section appears every Tuesday to bring you great recipes earlier in the week — and give you more time to plan your weekend entertaining.



Madison Bernardin gets a kiss from Gracie, a standard poodle, at the Halifax Kennel Club's 254th All Breed dog show at Exhibition Park yesterday. The Kennel Club holds five championship dog shows and obedience trials per year at Exhibition Park during February and September.

Drivers at risk, taxi chief says

Head of cabbie association calls for better security after shotgun incident

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The acting president of the Halifax Taxi Driver's Owner's Association wasn't surprised to learn a local driver allegedly had a sawed-off shotgun pointed at him from a passenger early yesterday morning.

What surprises Douglas Brine, a 44-year taxi veteran, is incidents like this don't happen more often.

don't happen more often. "Our job is more dangerous than a policeman's and we have no one there to back us up," Brine told Metro vesterday

Metro yesterday. "It's dangerous."

Halifax RCMP say the incident took place around 3 a.m. after the driver picked up a fare at the McDonald's on Windmill Road in Dartmouth and was taking him to Cole Harbour.

When the driver told the 28-year-old passenger he was having trouble finding the address, he pulled over and police say the passenger pulled out a shotgun

Suspect in court

 The 28-year-old man arrested by Halifax RCMP in this case is due to appear in provincial court this morning, charged with attempted robbery.

from under his jacket and demanded money from the cabbie.

Police say the Bob's Taxi driver then fought with the man, grabbing the shotgun and striking him over the head. The cab driver was able to subdue the passenger until police arrived to arrest him.

Police took the suspect to hospital, where he was treated for head injuries. The cab driver received an injury to his hand.

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"I always say give it up because it's not worth it," Brine said when drivers face an incident like this. "But the guys are frustrated now and they're out there trying so hard to make the money, now it's coming to the point (where) they can't

give it up."

Brine added "this is how bad the industry is getting ... Guys are taking anybody just to make a dollar — taking a chance because our industry has just gone flat" due to too many taxis on the road

As for making taxis safer, Brine said more needs to be done, but added "taxi drivers don't have the money to secure their cars ... and there's nothing from the city to help."

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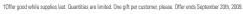
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MacIsaac to resign from legislature

Former Nova Scotia cabinet minister Angus MacIsaac, left, is leaving the Nova Scotia legislature. MacIsaac announced his resignation Friday as MLA, effective immediately. The Conservative member for Antigonish says it has been a difficult summer for his family, and he wants to spend more time with them. MacIsaac held on to his seat in the June provincial election while the Tory government went down to defeat. He was Rodney MacDonald's deputy premier. MacIsaac was also a cabinet minister under former Conservative premier John Hamm. THE CANADIAN PRE

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Cops looking into fatal car accident

PASSENGER Police are investigating whether al-cohol and high speeds played a role in a fatal crash yesterday in Pictou

County. RCMP say a 45-year-old Nova Scotia male driver died and a male passenger was injured when the car rolled over on Little Harbour Road.

Officers say the dead man wasn't wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, contributing to his fatal injuries.

They are also looking at alcohol and speeding as "contributing factors" in the crash.

The injured man was transferred to Halifax for medical treatment and remains in stable condition.

The name of the man who died is being withheld until family is notified.

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Video The bodies of two Canadian soldiers are on their way home from Afghanistan. A ramp ceremony was held yesterday for Major Yannick Pepin and Corporal Jean-Francois Drouin who were killed over the weekend by a

roadside bomb. **Video** The crowds were wowed at the Canadian National Exhibition over the weekend as the Canadian



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Council goes dark in return

First session since summer break in August will be in camera

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Summer vacation is over for city councillors.

Mayor Peter Kelly and the municipality's 23 other elected representatives are scheduled to be back at council table today, starting this morning with what's known as an "incamera session."

In other words, Halifax Regional Council will discuss several matters behind closed doors starting at 10:30 a.m., with neither the media nor the public allowed to attend. The open portion of council's first meeting since Aug. 11 starts at 1:30 p.m. today, with an evening session set for 6 p.m.

before opening But chambers to the public, councillors will debate a handful of hot topics privately, including the new World Trade and Convention Centre proposed for downtown Halifax. A couple of "confidential information items" citing "legal matters" are also included on today's agenda.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey, who represents Dartmouth Centre, said yesterday she doesn't think all items deemed to be in-camera should be debated in secret, including the appointment of citizens and councillors to boards and committees, to be discussed today.

"What's so secretive about it?" she asked. "You apply to get on a board, you don't get on; somebody else gets on."

Kelly said yesterday council must legally go in-camera when it comes to 'land, legal and personnel issues."

Councillors also have the option of voting to have certain issues taken off the in-camera list, Kelly said, adding matters often "come out quickly" any-

way.
"We've had a lot of reasons to go in-camera," Mc-Cluskey said of council lately, adding she's fine with the city's failed sewage treatment plant being discussed behind closed doors since that's what has been advised. "If the solicitor tells us that we could get in trouble by talking about this in public, then I think we should listen to the solicitor.'

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Tennis anyone? Sunny days expected to continue



Four-year-old Max Monaghan enjoys the sunshine as he plays tennis with his sister Destiny at the Chocolate Lake tennis courts yesterday. The weather forecast calls for the recent run of nice weather to continue over the next few days.

SUV involved in multiple crashes

POLICE The driver of a red SUV struck three different vehicles in Halifax yesterday afternoon — and in each case fled the scene.

Halifax Regional Police say at 2:24 p.m., the SUV ran into the back of another vehicle, causing that vehicle to struck the one in front. The SUV backed up, police say, and drove south on around the accident on Gottingen Street then onto Bloomfield Street.

That's when near the intersection of Bloomfield and Agricola streets the suspect's vehicle struck the back of another vehicle, which again hit the one in front of it. The SUV then hit the side of a building, police say, then drove south on Agricola, and at the intersection struck a

vehicle coming into the opposite direction.

Police say the suspect then left his vehicle and fled the scene on foot. He was still at large late vesterday, but police say they have a suspect in mind.

Police say there were no injuries in any of the accidents, but extensive damage was caused.

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News in brief

AWARDS Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis presented the health-care workers with the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary

Service Medal at the legislature Friday. The medals recognize people in high-risk professions who have dedicated themselves to preserving public safety in Canada through long and outstanding THE CANADIAN PRESS

Metro Transit to apologize to child?

AUTISM Metro Transit is issuing a formal apology to an autistic boy after his family complained about a city bus driver who refused to continue driving unless the eight-year-old stopped screaming, his mother says.

But it was unclear last week if an apology will actually occur.

Charlene "All parties agreed Croft agreed last handled poorly." week to draft written Charlene Croft, mother apology for

her son Izaak after she and her husband, David, met with two transit officials.

"All parties agreed that the situation was handled poorly," Charlene Croft said in a blog entry posted Thursday. "It will be an apology for the mere fact that this happened in the first place and that it spiralled out of control in the way that it did."

The blog says Metro Tran-

sit has also agreed to apologize to Izaak's day camp director and to produce tip sheets for bus drivers and passengers on how to deal with autistic behaviour.

Lori Patterson, a Metro Transit spokesperson, said Friday that transit officials did meet with the family

but she didn't refer to what the company Metro Transit **that the situation was** will do as an apology.

"The meeting gave a chance for

both parties to give an airing of the incident from their perspective and it went very well," she said. "Both sides appeared to be satisfied at the conclusion of the meeting."

Patterson acknowledged the family asked for an apology but Metro Transit agreed to send the child a letter "acknowledging that any incident like this is unfortunate." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man dies in roofing accident

TRAGEDY A 54-year-old Cape Breton man has died in a Halifax hospital after falling off staging set up to replace an aging roof.

The accident happened Saturday at approximately 6 p.m. in Sydney Mines.

The Boularderie man was among a group of people helping to replace the roof of his mother's house when

he slipped on the staging, fell and struck his head on pavement.

Cape Breton Regional Police and Emergency Health Services responded to the accident. The man was been rushed to the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with serious head injuries.

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Police seek ID of masked 'streaker'

It might've been considered a proper "streak" but for the mask and underwear. Truro Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man seen running in the area of Brunswick and Burnyeat streets shortly after 6 p.m. Thursday clad only in a black mask and underwear. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Premier walks with labour Recommendations

Union leader 'not overly concerned' with future negotiations

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For the first time, the province's premier marched with hundreds of other Nova Scotians through the streets and stepped up to the podium at the annual Labour Day rally, held yesterday in Halifax.

"As many of you know, this is the first time I've been here to speak as premier, but this is not the first time that I have been here.' NDP Premier Darrell Dexter told those gathered on the Central Common, who responded with enthusiastic cheers and claps.

Dexter went on to say the Nova Scotia government is forming "a new relation-ship" with the province's unions, emphasizing his party's "faith in free and fair collective bargaining."

While speaking with re-porters afterwards, Dexter recognized that collective bargaining will become more difficult, especially considering the current state of the economy.

But he wouldn't comment on whether his NDP government will have to soon say "no" to unionized workers, or on how tough negotiations could potentially affect his party's popu-



Hundreds of people march around the Halifax Common during a Labour Day rally yesterday. This year's rally focused on the economic downturn and its impact on working families.

Focus on economic crisis

 More than 400 people, from unions across the province and including politicians from all three government levels, participated in yesterday's Labour

The first post-election poll shows half of all Nova Scotians surveyed are satisfied with how the new provincial government has performed so far. The New

Day festivities. The event focused on the economic crisis. calling for improved employment insurance, better pension protection and job creation.

Democrats were elected into power this past June.

"We know that there will be stumbles along the Dexter said. "But we still have to come to the table and negotiate with

the employees of the province.

Rick Clarke, president of umbrella organization the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, told reporters he's "not overly concerned" about how negotiations could unfold.

"It's like a family," he said of the importance of working with government. "I've been married for 37 years and we've had differ-... (but) we've worked them out."

'to save lives': Expert

HYDE CASE Police and paramedics should both respond to incidents involving people who are extremely agitated and may be suffering from mental illness, says a report ordered after the death of a man with paranoid schizophrenia.

The report by a panel of medical experts said first responders need to be better trained for dealing with people who are delirious, aggressive

and incoherent because those peo-ple could be at risk of sudden death.

The 38- Howard Hyde page docu-

ment, released last Friday, was commissioned by the Nova Scotia government last year after Howard Hyde died in custody 30 hours after he was Tasered by Halifax Regional Police.

"Basically it's going to save lives: That's the bot-tom line," said Stephen Ay-er of the Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia and a member of the panel. "These are good recommendations."

The report was intended to look into mental health and excited delirium, a controversial condition

Tasers

 The panel stopped short of recommending restrictions on the use of Tasers or other restraints, arguing there wasn't enough data to suggest the powerful devices are linked to any sudden deaths.

that has been disputed by some medical groups in several fatalities, including

Instead, the panel used the term "autonomic hyperarousal state," or AHS, to describe symptoms that include paranoia, combative behaviour, profuse sweating and rambling speech — most of which Hyde reportedly displayed the night he was taken into police custody.
In its list of nine recom-

mendations, the panel said hospital staff and emergency health services personnel must be trained to identify symptoms of AHS, and people exhibiting the physical signs be treated as

medical priorities.

The panel also recommended dispatchers be trained to recognize the symptoms so police and paramedics can be sent to a call immediately with a clear protocol on how to re-THE CANADIAN PRESS spond.

Vomen workers part of 'Canadian dream'

As she walked around the Halifax Common surrounded by union brothers and sisters yesterday, Ivy Shaw proudly wore a T-shirt featuring Rosie the Riveter, the unmistakable icon for working women across the continent since the Second World War.

"It says, 'A woman's place is in her union," Shaw said.

"It's important that

women are involved with their local unions," said Shaw, who is herself a member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and is secretary-treasurer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour. "Predominantly, women have been paid a lot less than men over the years, for doing the same work

fact, Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council president Kyle Buott pointed out during his speech yesterday that female workers still only typically make 75 per cent of what their male counterparts earn.

Sackville-Eastern Shore MP Peter Stoffer, one of several New Democrats who made an appearance, said during yesterday's march that in addition to lobbying for improvements, it's also

important to pay tribute to those who have fought hard for the benefits workers enjoy today.

"It allows us all to participate in what we call the Canadian dream," he said. "The ability to work hard, the ability to look after your families and the ability to work in a safe and healthy environment."

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Frosh Week **Keeping it green**



Mount Saint Vincent University frosh student Matt Cantwell receives a water bottle from Metro Halifax during frosh week celebrations Sunday. Metro is participating in frosh week events at several local universities. We were also at Dalhousie University Sunday, and tomorrow we are going to Saint Mary's University.

Shellfish ban lifted in some areas

FISHING The federal Fisheries Department has lifted a recent ban on shellfish harvesting along the southwest coast of New Brunswick and in parts of Nova Scotia after heavy rainfall left many areas contaminated.

The department issued a statement over the weekend saying shellfish harvesting could resume in those areas affected by the latest ban, but all pre-existing bans

would remain in place.

A department spokesman says there are many areas in southwest New Brunswick still closed due to marine toxins and bacteriological reasons that are not related to the rainfall.

Similar rainfall-related bans recently imposed along the Atlantic coast of Cape Breton and the Annapolis Basin remain in place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CIGARETTES Nova Scotia RCMP have charged a Newfoundland man after they seized more than 560 cartons of contraband

cigarettes early Saturday night during a routine traffic stop on Hwy. 104 near Westchester.

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Keno report released

GAMBLING Nova Scotia's finance minister has released an assessment of a controversial electronic gambling game as he tries to decide whether to keep or kill Keno.

Graham Steele had earlier promised to make the report prepared by the Nova Scotia Gaming Corp. public as he weighs the game's future.

Introduced last March. Keno has so far not met financial expectations, yielding only \$700,000 — \$1.6 million less than projected.

Opponents argue the game, which allows players to pick their own numbers and monitor draw results on video screens, would further harm problem gamblers.

The Atlantic Lottery Corp. has developed a new marketing program and expects the return from Keno to improve, reaching a break-even point by March 2010. It's estimated that dropping the game altogether would cost about \$3.5 million.

Steele says he wants to consult with all stakeholders including representa-tives of bars and restaurants, as well as health and gaming officials, before making his decision.

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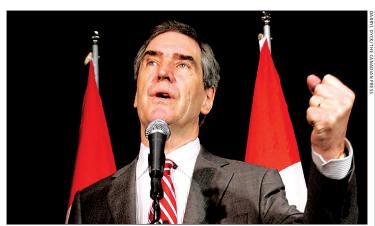


Man charged after shooting bear

A man determined to protect his yard from an intruder faces criminal charges after he shot a bear with a bow and arrow. The bear died and the Hanmer, Ont., resident escaped injury following an incident yesterday afternoon near Sudbury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MP told of journalist's progress
Liberal MP Dan McTeague says sources in Iran have told him that Maziar Bahari, left, a Canadian journalist detained in Tehran, has been acquitted of all minor charges against him. McTeague says sources close to this case say Bahari, accused by the Iranian government of being a spy, successfully defended himself in a trial on Aug. 12, 2009. Bahari, 42 had been on assignment in the country covering the presidential elections when he was arrested June 21 in a widespread post-election crackdown. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff speaks in Vancouver over the weekend. Political leaders are ramp ing up their rhetoric as a national election looms.

Politicians ramp up vote rhetoric

POLITICS Listen carefully: you can hear the usual Parliament Hill yadda-yaddayadda suddenly evolving into a higher-form of political blah-blah called campaign messaging.

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The rhetoric emerging over the last week is being tweaked and tested and is likely what Canadians will hear repeatedly should there be a fall election.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff got the ball rolling last week when he declared he could no longer support the minority Conservative government. That's when he first road-tested the phrase, "We can do better," later to be echoed in the party's new national television commercials released over the weekend.

The ads portray the professorial Ignatieff as a friendly, positive man with a wise, worldly perspective that would be a valuable asset in tackling complex economic and environmental issues.

The narrative is that the Liberals offer hope and big

ideas, in contrast to the mean-spirited and smallminded Conservatives.

The party's national director Rocco Rossi made no secret that the Liberals intend to tap into the undercurrent of optimism that characterized Barack Obama's winning 2008 presidential campaign.

"I think hope is always a theme of the best kind of politicians, and what we've had is several years of mean-spirited politics," Rossi said in an interview.

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Two Canadians dead

Roadside blast hits armoured vehicle in Afghanistan

Maj. Yannick Pepin, the highest ranking Canadian killed in combat in Afghanistan, had lamented the death of two soldiers under his command just five weeks ago.

On Monday, the bodies of Pepin, 36, and Cpl. Jean-Francois Drouin, 31, were being flown back to Canada after an emotional ramp ceremony at Kandahar Airfield.

They died Sunday in a powerful roadside bomb blast that hit their armoured vehicle on a road southwest of Kandahar, bringing to 129 the total number of Canadian soldiers who have died as part of the Afghan mission since 2002.

Both men were members of the 5 Combat Engineer Regiment based in Valcartier, Que. A military official at the base said Pepin was a native of Victoriaville, Que., and Drouin was born in Quebec City.

Pepin was the commander of the last two Canadian soldiers killed in Afghan-

"The loss of these two is



Yannick Pepin

Jean-Francois Drouin

very difficult," Pepin had told reporters Aug. 3, two days after the deaths of Sapper Matthieu Allard, 21, and Cpl. Christian Bobbitt, 23 — also in a roadside explosion.

"But the work will continue," Pepin had said.

Allard and Bobbitt, both combat engineers, were in Afghanistan with the 2e Battalion of the Royal 22e Regiment, based in Valcartier, Que. They had dismounted from their vehicle to secure the area after an initial blast near the town of Senjaray, in the Zhari district, when they were killed by a second explosion.

Improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, are the deadliest weapon facing NATO soldiers in Afghanistan. They have been the cause of death in the large majority of Canada's battlefield casualties. IEDs are cheap, easy to make and allow the Taliban to exact a high price on NATO troops without having to show their faces Five others were wounded in Sunday's IED attack; their conditions were described as not seri-

ous.
"I want to say part of the population of Canada views negatively the work that we do here," Sapper Alexandre Beaudin-D'An-jou, one of the survivors of the latest blast, said.

"I think the majority of the Afghan population benefit from what we do here. Sadly, there are dangers in this from what you saw yesterday. All the soldiers here feel that we will finish our work for one an-THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Agency subpoenas senior federal officials

MILITARY A military watchdog agency has subpoe-naed senior federal officials and is seeking a court order to force the Conservative government to release withheld informa-tion concerning the controversial transfer of suspected Taliban fighters into Afghan custody.

The Military Police Complaints Commission is trying to get around what it considers roadblocks to its investigation of allegations that first surfaced in 2007. accusing the Canadian military of handing over prisoners knowing they would probably be tortured.

Sylvain Roy, chief of staff to the commission chair, said the application to the Federal Court involves redacted documents already released to the in-

Investigators believe the records have been overly censored, he said.

 Federal lawyers have challenged the commission's authority to hold hearings into the 2007 complaint by Amnesty International and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, both of which have already fought a pitched legal battle with Ottawa and

Challenge

"We were not obtaining the documents required to fulfill our mandate, which is to have an open and transparent investigation," Roy said.

Subpoenas have been served on four former commanders of Canadian troops in Kandahar, the deputy minister and four employees of foreign affairs, and the chief of the Correctional Service of Canada, Roy also added on the investigation.

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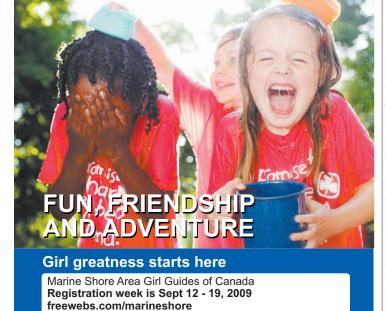
a Quebec man finds out whether he will become this country's first drunk driver to be declared a dangerous offender. The dangerous offender designation is usually reserved for the very worst criminals in Canada — like murderers and serial rapists.

G8 Prime Minister Stephen Harper received the rarest and most expensive gift doled out at the recent G8 summit, a book given by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi appraised by one dealer at up to \$460,000. It's a gift more valuable than any recalled by some veterans of international summits and an uncommonly extravagant example of the souvenir trinkets world leaders tend to give each other.

pulling out their guns, batons and pepper spray much more frequently, says a newly released report, suggesting border crossings are becoming more dangerous places. There were 127 so-called use-of-force incidents in the year ending

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NDP leader Jack Layton said this year's Labour Day has special significance because so many Canadians have been left unemployed during the past year's recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds mull risks of tidal power

Four times a day, the fury of the planet's highest tides surges in and out of the Bay of Fundy.

The gigantic ebb and flow of 100 billion tonnes of water between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is recognized as a natural wonder - and now, more than ever, as a massive power plant.

Canada has enough tidal energy to power most of the country's homes and the lion's share of it lies in this bay, according to Natural Resources Canada.

As early as next week, Ottawa and the government of Nova Scotia will announce whether they'll OK more development in the area — a decision that will draw attention to the potential benefits and risks of this new source.

Only one-2,000th of that

potential has been tapped so far. For 25 years, Nova Scotia has been capturing enough of the clean, renewable energy from Fundy tides to power 6,000 homes.

The 20-megawatt, tidalpower turbine on the river near Annapolis Royal is one of only two spinning in Canadian waters — and one of only a handful in the world. The country

holds more than 40 gigawatts of tidal power, although much of it lies currently beyond reach in the Arctic, far from any electrical grid.

The number of generating stations is expected to rise, especially as countries search for ways to cut back greenhouse gas emissions.

Three companies are environmental approval from Ottawa and

Nova Scotia to plunk their turbines into Fundy's inner Minas Channel. The governments could give the green light any day.
If approved, the first test

unit could be in the water as early as this fall. This project could eventually lead to a larger-scale project in the Bay of Fundy, one of the most promising sites for tidal power on the planet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arctic methane leaking

ENVIRONMENT You can see them from shore along the Arctic coast or even in some northern lakes seething domes of water churned up by gas escaping from deep below.

The largest ones have the feeling of a hot tub, says Scott Dallimore, a scientist with Natural Resources Canada.

"They look like floating hot tubs out in the water. They're bubbling cauldrons of gas. They're quite spectacular.

"They're pure methane." And that's the worry. Unimaginable quantities of methane — a greenhouse gas 20 to 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide - are

stored underground in the Arctic. Some of it is leaking out. The consequence of all that seeping methane has

become one of the biggest questions in climate science. But one thing is certain: The fact it hasn't been factored into previous global warming predictions means forecasts even as recent as the 2007 report from the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change are too conservative.

"(Methane) was not considered in any of the predictions at all," says Andrew Weaver, a Canadian researcher and one of the IPCC authors

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N.L. captain survives 2nd sinking

FIRE The captain of a Newfoundland fishing vessel that sank four years ago, setting off a safety inquiry and trial, lost his second vessel Saturday when it caught fire and sank.

Shawn Ralph, 44, and the three crew aboard the Havre aux Maison all survived the morning fire. which broke out as the vessel motored 134 kilometres off the northeastern coast of the province, said Ralph's father.

The captain lost his first vessel, the Melina and Keith II, when it capsized on Sept. 7, 2005. Four crew members died, but there were four survivors.

He was convicted under the Canada Shipping Act in 2008 with failing to ensure the crew knew how to use lifesaving and firefighting equipment and failing to maintain a proper watch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missing salmon puzzles observers

FISH By now, this much is clear: Millions of sockeye salmon that were expected to swim up British Columbia's iconic Fraser River this summer in what was to be a bumper year for fishermen never made it

That's about all anyone knows for sure, and some observers say years of poorly funded science that has vet to answer fundamental questions about the lives of salmon mean it could be a while yet before anyone figures out why so many fish appear to have died at

sea.
"From a government perspective, it comes down to cutting and gutting their science and assess-ment departments," said Scott Hinch, whose re-search at the University of British Columbia focuses

on salmon ecology.
"You could pick just

Guesswork

• Theories abound over the salmon shortage, ranging from warming water temperatures, new predators, changes to the food supply, sea lice from fish farms.

about any aspect of the management cycle and the scientific assessment, and you can say, 'Well, we used to do this, but we don't anymore.'

This year was supposed to be a big one, with estimates predicting as many as 10.5 million fish would swim up the Fraser after spending two years in the open ocean.

But those estimates have since been dramatically reduced, now putting this year's Fraser sockeye run at just 1.37 million — the lowest on record

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A crew member from the gillnetter Amanda Reid holds up a prized Fraser River sockeye salmon after catching the fish on the Fraser River near Steveston, B.C., in this August 2006 file photo.

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Pandemic a no win situation: Observers

countries with first

access to pandem-

ic shots to employ

vaccine-saving ap-

proaches.

VACCINE In the race to get pandemic vaccine into Canadian arms, public health and vaccine regulatory authorities in this country find themselves the reluctant filling in a rock-and-a-hard-place sandwich, knowledgeable observers sav.

Doctors who've seen how desper- Sparing use ately sick some become are pressing authorities to further fast-track vaccine approval. But a large portion of the public

appears reluctant to take the vaccine, a situation that could worsen if fasttracking deepens suspicions about its safety.

Those concerned about global equity are urging countries with vaccine contracts to stretch sup-

Flu **Outbreak**

plies by using boosting compounds called adjuvants so developing countries can also get some serum. Dr. Ross Upshur, di-

rector of the University of Toronto's Joint Centre Bioethics, for swine flu patients • WHO has asked sums up the dilthat auemma thorities managing the pandemic

vaccine file face. "They're going to get enough vac-

cine for everybody to have it; nobody's going to want it, and any sequence that they can come up with of who gets it first isn't going to satisfy anybody because somebody has to go second," Upshur said.

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British cop pleads guilty

A former British child abuse detective has pleaded guilty to having sex with a 15-year-old girl whose family he had befriended during an investigation.

Andrew Rowe hung his head after admitting he committed five sexual offences earlier this year. He entered his plea yesterday in Birmingham.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sudanese woman convicted of wearing pants, spared flogging

A Sudanese woman journalist was convicted yesterday of public indecency for wearing trousers, but was spared a sentence of flogging.

A defiant Lubna Hussein said she would not pay a \$200 fine and would take a month in prison instead to protest Sudan's draconian morality laws.

The 43-year-old has set out to challenge the police and courts since her arrest in July by insisting the case go to trial, aiming to embarrass the Khartoum govern-

"I pray that my daughters will never live in fear of these police."

Lubna Hussein

ment with the publicity. Her prosecution — and the prospect that she could get the full sentence of 40 lashes — drew an international outcry.

"I will not pay a penny," Hussein, who during the court session wore the same trousers that sparked her arrest, told The Associated Press after the ruling.

During the session, police rounded up about 40 women protesting outside the courthouse in support of Hussein, some of them wearing trousers as well in a sign of solidarity.

Lawyers said Hussein

Lawyers said Hussein would be taken to a jail after she refused the fine.

In a column Friday in the British daily Guardian, Hussein said her case is not an isolated one but is emblematic of repressive laws in a country with a long history of civil conflicts. "When I think of my trial,

"When I think of my trial, I pray that my daughters will never live in fear of these police," she wrote.

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Three convicted in transatlantic jet plot

Three British Muslims were convicted yesterday of plotting to murder thousands by downing at least seven trans-Atlantic airliners in simultaneous attacks designed by al-Qaida to be the deadliest terrorist strike since Sept. 11, 2001.

Abdulla Ahmed Ali, 28, Assad Sarwar, 29, and Tanvir Hussain, 28 were found guilty in Crown Court in London of leading a 2006 plan to detonate bombs on aircraft bound for the United States and Canada, using liquid explosives hidden in soda bottles.

Four other men were acquitted of conspiring to bomb airliners, but admitted to lesser charges — in one case conspiracy to murder. An eighth man was cleared completely.

The case brought sweep-

The case brought sweeping new restrictions for air passengers, including limits on the amount of liquids and gels they can take on board.

British and U.S. security officials said the plan was







Sarwar

directly linked to al-Qaida and guided by senior Islamic militants in Pakistan.

Authorities estimate that, if successful, about 2,000 passengers would have died. Had the bombs been detonated over U.S. and Canadian cities, hundreds more would have been killed on the ground.

Britain's Home Secretary Alan Johnson said the plot would have brought "murder and mayhem on an unimaginable scale."

Britain's MI5 spy agency believes the group planned to strike as many as 18 jetliners in two waves of bombings, and provoke further panic with attacks on U.K. power stations. Police say some would-be secondwave suicide bombers have likely evaded arrest.

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Obama praises labour movement, asks for help on health care

U.S. President Barack Obama declared yesterday that modern benefits like paid leave and minimum wage "all bear the union label," as he appealed to unions to help him win the health care fight in Congress.

Shortly after becoming president, Obama confronted a rapidly deteriorating economy, a clogged credit system, failing or ailing banks and a shaky stock market.

He used his speech on

He used his speech on yesterday's Labour Day holiday to tick off a host of steps his administration has taken to steady the economy, and he made a special pitch for the health care overhaul he has pushed.

"We have never been this close," Obama said. "We have never had this broad



U.S. President Barack Obama waves after his speech at the AFL-CIO Labour Day picnic in Cincinnati yesterday.

an agreement on what needs to be done." He accused vested interests of trying to thwart his attempts to bring health care to all Americans. Some union-circulated posters held up by audience members pro-

claimed, "Health Care Can't Wait."

For their part, some elements within the labour movement have indicated frustration with Obama — who was in Cincinnati to speak to a state AFL-CIO

gathering — because some key items such as legislation making it easier for people to join unions has languished in Congress. To vigorous cheers, Obama made a pitch for the bill in his speech. He also noted that the first bill he signed into law was one guaranteeing equal pay for equal work. Obama spent a good deal of his time extolling the virtues of the union movement.

"It was labour that helped build the largest middle class in history. So, even if you're not a union member, every American owes something to America's labour movement," said Obama, whose run for the presidency was energized in no small part by unions.

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Iran defies UN, new sanctions loom

NUCLEAR Iran veered closer toward the possibility of being slapped with tough new international sanctions yesterday after its president refused to stop enriching uranium and the UN nuclear watchdog warned of a "stalemate" with the country.

President Mahmoud Ah-

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tehran is ready to talk with world powers about unspecified "global concerns" — but he insisted his government will not halt uranium enrichment.

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Albanian opposition boycotts parliament

Albania's Socialist opposition boycotted an inaugural session of parliament yesterday, claiming conservative
Prime Minister Sali Berisha rigged his re-election victory in June 28 polls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Palestinian construction workers build a new house in a Jewish West Bank settlement on the outskirts of Jerusalem yesterday.

Israel OKs West Bank homes

Israel officially approved the construction of hundreds of new homes in the West Bank, the Defence Ministry said yesterday, deepening an already unprecedented rift with the U.S. over Israeli settlement expansion.

The construction is the first approved by the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is under heavy U.S. pressure to freeze all settlement activity on captured lands claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

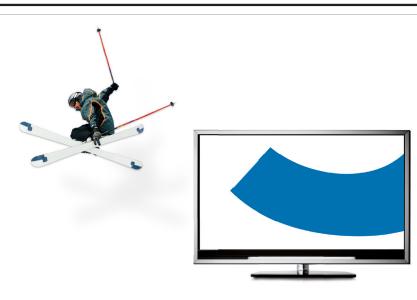
Netanyahu, trying to placate the Americans, has said the newly approved homes are a prelude to a freeze, but that's been a tough sell internationally because Israel also plans to complete an additional 2.500 homes already under way

Under the order, Defence Minister Ehud Barak authorized construction of 366 new apartments, the Defence Ministry announced. An additional 84 new apartments will be approved in the near future, bringing the total number to 450, the ministry said.

The order includes permission to proceed with construction of a new set-

tler enclave in the Jordan Valley, an area that is considered vital to a future Palestinian state because of its rich farmlands and location deep inside the West Bank.

By rebuffing U.S. pressure, Netanyahu has tried to cement the support of a coalition that is committed to strengthening Israel's control over the West Bank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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vote raises questions TALLY At the Afghan polling

Examination of Afghan

TALLY At the Afghan polling station called Haji Nehmetullah House, every one of the 725 votes cast during the country's Aug. 20 election went to President Hamid Karzai. At another site, Haji Akhtar Mohammad House, the incumbent got each of the precisely 400 ballots cast.

Allegations of ballot box

Allegations of ballot box stuffing, voter intimidation and other fraud have been lodged from all corners of the country following last month's presidential contest. An Associated Press examination of returns shows what officials said yesterday appear to be highly suspicious — and improbable — results.

Stations across Afghanistan's south gave Karzai 200, 250 or 500 votes, according to figures compiled by the Independent Election Commission. Observers say these neatly rounded numbers show patterns of fraud consistent with allegations that large-scale vote rigging A Western elections expert said there could be as many as 800 fake polling sites in remote areas.

took place in dangerous regions that observers couldn't reach. A senior Western diplo-

A senior Western diplomat alleged yesterday that a majority of the votes in three provinces — Kandahar, Paktika and Khost — are fraudulent. Partial returns from each of those provinces heavily favour Karzai. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of his

Afghan and international officials had predicted that vote fraud would occur, but hoped the election would be credible overall. Instead, the scale of the accusations and the questionable returns has thrown the ballot process in doubt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS in doubt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan's next PM promises big greenhouse gas cut

EMISSIONS Japan's incoming prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, promised yesterday to aim for a 25 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 — among the most ambitious cuts proposed by an economic power and significantly more aggressive than the current plan.

The reduction, which will be measured from 1990 levels, was immediately hailed by environmentalists, who are watching target proposals closely ahead of a major international climate conference in December. Prime Minister Taro Aso's current plan was to cut emissions by about eight per cent

by about eight per cent.

Hatoyama leads the Democratic Party of Japan, which won last month's elections in a landslide, pushing Aso's party from power for only the second time in more than 50 years.

News in brief

FIRES Firefighters plan to burn back heavy brush to contain the deadly fire north of Los Angeles, so residents of the foothill cities near the San Gabriel Mountains should expect to see more smoke boiling out of the Angeles National Forest. As the Station fire entered its thirteenth day yesterday, officials said the blaze was 56 per cent contained at 637 square kilometres.

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Liberals should be careful here. The party pursued Ignatieff and made him

leader not because he was a

conventional political type

but because he was deemed

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Defining Iggy's image



Liberal cam-·he paign slogan, as revealed in its new TV advertising, is "We can do better." The one good thing about the mediocre ads is no one can argue with that premise. The country can always do better. That won't strike many as justification for trying to force an election. But Canadians aren't going to want an election six months from now either.

When Michael Ignatieff is asked to justify a campaign he should just follow up on the advertising theme and say, "Because I think I can be a better prime minister." That would be the honest response. It isn't because there is some single pressing issue on which his Liberals have a magic answer. It's about ego.

The commercials, one in English, two in French, do not like Conservative ads. feature scuzzy personal attacks. What is curious about them is they try to portray Ignatieff as a man of the people. In

the Englishto be exceptional. Canadilanguage ad, ans, one suspects, would he is standprefer the exceptional not another run-of-the-mill political hack. ing in a regblue ular shirt with a The English language forest as the ad does portray him as background thinking in bigger terms about the country. That's like he is getting ready to refreshing because what

has grated about the Harper government is its negativity and smallmind-Like oth-

er career politicians, Harp-er views politics as a mud-fight. Iggy didn't come boy scout troop on a hike. This ordinary-guy pose is obviously designed to defray criticism that he is an from that culture and must

> The election result will pivot on the image of him that emerges. Harper is a known quantity. He is reasonably competent, but un-likable. The image is not about to change. Ignatieff, on the other hand, has yet to define himself. To try to do so during a campaign is risky business. This will be Harper's fourth campaign. He is still only 50. Ignatieff, 62, will be running his first national election.

not descend to that level.

If he runs a smart campaign and generates excitement as a leader of promise, the one who makes the country do better, the Liberals will win.

If he is ambiguous and stumbles, the Conservatives will cruise to another

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



Worth mentioning

Report urges improved reading, writing skills

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per cent of adults in Canada

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Children who aren't reading well by the end of Grade 3 are at risk of dropping out or failing to graduate, warns a new report released as kids get _____

back to their school tines.

But just because voungsters are attending classes, it doesn't necessarily mean they're mastering those all-im-

portant read-ing and writing skills in an expected time frame.

At least 30 per cent of students don't have sufficient reading or writing abilities by the end of Grade 6, says the report by the Canadian Education Statistics Council.

The report notes that about five million students are returning to school, but if nothing changes, at least one million won't graduate.

"A large number of students who are failing to complete high school are

failing to complete because they haven't picked up a golden ticket along the way, says principal investigator Julia O'Sullivan, dean of education at the University of Western On-

tario in London, Ont.

"And the golden ticket, as far as I'm concerned, is the ability to read and write well enough to support success in school.'

One of the problems, she argues, is the emphasis on teaching reading and writ-ing in Canadian schools begins to fade after about Grade 4. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Views

Canada needs a new security watchdog



Security and intelligence problems keep popping onto the national agenda, even though very few of us want to see them there. Over the past several years, Ottawa has set up three special public inquiries into national security issues, and at least two other issues have raised calls for more inquiries.
Continually calling new

inquiries is not good public policy. Each such inquiry is a one-off, expensive and time-consuming, and the expertise assembled for each inquiry is dispersed at the end, while the next inquiry has to start from square one.

Ongoing accountability mechanisms form a poor patchwork, covering only parts of the process, able to report only on their own institutional narrow stovepipes. The report on Omar Khadr, for example, looks only at CSIS, even though the Canadian policy on Khadr's situation was an all-government position, especially involving foreign affairs, whose intelligence activities are not subject to any ongoing scrutiny.

Over the years, each move to extend accountability has simply extended the patchwork, with highly uneven results. CSIS receives relatively good scrutiny. The RCMP, on the other hand, is inadequately scrutinized for both its national security and its law enforcement activities, as the present and past chairs of the RCMP Public Complaints Commission have insisted publicly. Yet, as a result of the Maher Arar report, the commissioner of the RCMP was forced to resign.

It is time to institute an effective ongoing accountability process for the entire security and intelligence community, one that will remain in place ready to investigate and report on any and all issues that come up, without having to call for special, one-off inquiries. The government has promised to do just this, but action has not followed. Justice Dennis O'Connor made wide-ranging policy recommendations in the Arar report, yet almost three years have passed with no visible response.

O'Connor recognized that the practice of security intelligence in the age of terrorism global changed. Where standalone agencies once con-ducted their own operations on their own turf, today integration is the key: Integration across agen-cies, and across government jurisdictions. O'Connor pointed out that if accountability is to be effective, it must also be integrated. He proposed a set of institutional and legal mechanisms to achieve this. These should be at the heart of any reform pack-

Better accountability in national security is in everyone's interest. This ball is now in the government's court.

Reg Whitaker is an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Victoria.

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The number of Canadian children who would give their Mom an "A" grade.



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Toll of failed U.S. banks rises to 88

Regulators on Friday shut down banks in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa, pushing to 88 the number of U.S. banks that have failed this year under the weight of the soured econmy and rising loan defaults. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Madoff probes bungled: Report

The official at the Securities and Exchange Commission who later would marry Bernard Madoff's niece told investigators this year that if he had carefully reviewed a complaint about the disgraced financier's business, he would have investigated more deeply, a new report shows. The 477-page document, released Friday evening, paints in excruciating detail how the SEC probes of Madoff were bungled over 16 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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REVIEW Imagine you could run a business that allowed you to be creative and have great work-life balance, and all the nittygritty work gets done by thousands of other people. Doesn't sound any different from your your regular CEO gig, does it?

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Jeff Howe, the author of Crowdsourcing, examines this change in how businesses operate and generate new ideas. Howe argues that by using crowds, often online communities. businesses are able to create a higher level of engagement with their customers

Using examples such as how Threadless.com came to be the T-shirt juggernaut of the world wide web, or how iStockphoto over took Getty Images in the stock photo game, Howe paints an impressive picture of why companies like Procter & Gamble are starting to take notice of the power of crowds.

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The power of crowds Fans awaiting Apple news

Once again, it's time to peer into Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs' cup and try to read the tea leaves.

Apple, as usual, has said almost nothing about the new products it plans to unveil at an invitationonly affair tomorrow in San Francisco. Bloggers and Apple fans have filled vacuum with "leaks," rumours and wish-list items that. while often far-fetched,

pletely be ignored. Sometimes, a bit of truth shines through.

In recent years, the California-based company has used its September event to unveil new iPods, which have grown smaller, sleeker and more powerful with each new generation. This year's

event along the

Apple CEO

same lines, if Apple's email to reporters is any indication. The invitation looks like an iTunes gift card and features one of Apple's iconic, iPod-toting silhouettes and the words, "It's only rock and roll, but we

like it," a reference to a 1970s Rolling Stones song. That still left room for creative speculation. Detail-starved bloggers took a close look at the image and noted the headphones jack into the iPod at the bottom making it an iPod Touch, not an iPod classic.

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The observation has added weight to one rumour that Apple could discontinue the classic.

Apple watchers are also looking out for the ninth incarnation of iTunes.

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Business in brief

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AUTO Koenigsegg Group AB has secured the extra financing needed to complete the acquisition of Saab Automobiles from General Motors Corp. the Swedish government said

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A guide to who's who

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Want to know who's who in Halifax?

Since you're probably new in town, we here at Metro thought we'd introduce you to some of the faces that, if you don't recognize them already, will quickly become familiar to you as you become more comfortable here.

And really, that shouldn't take long in a city known for its friendly people (well, that, and its pubs).

So, in alphabetical order, here are some of Halifax's finest to welcome you to your new home.



Owner, Halifax Rainmen

Levingston, arguably the best-dressed man in Halifax, is often seen wearing slick suits and a snazzy fedora. But he wears many hats for the Halifax Rainmen as the team's owner, president, chief executive officer and general manager.

The Rainmen are a Pre-



Darrell Dexter is the first NDP premier in Nova Scotia. He won a majority government in June's provincial election.

Basketball League franchise that averages crowds of nearly 3,000 per game.

The team's had some ups and downs in their first two seasons of existence, but Levingston came to Halifax from Detroit via Toronto — hopes to challenge for a champi-onship when the threemonth 2010 season opens in January.

CAM RUSSELL Head coach,

the Halifax Mooseheads

The Mooseheads are Halifax's Toronto Maple Leafs,

and Russell is their Brian Burke and Ron Wilson, all in one. The head coach and general manager of the Herd — yep, that's their nickname — is the man in charge of lifting the 16-year-old franchise out of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League basement.

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The 40-year-old played 396 games in the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks and Colorado Avalanche and is in his fourth full season as head coach but first as general manager.

A fan of old-school, hardworking hockey, Russell intends to put the pride, heart and determination the Mooseheads' three pillars - back at the forefront at the Metro Centre.

DARRELL DEXTER

Premier of Nova Scotia
Darrell Dexter helped make history in June when he became the first NDP premier in Nova Scotia.

While some — unbelievably — worried it would spell the end of capitalism as we know it here, Dexter is enjoying an extended honeymoon period with voters, thanks to some smart early decisions in

office.
In fact, a recent poll showed support for Double D at 53 per cent. Cole Harbour's Dexter is-

n't a flambovant, shootfrom-the-hip kind of premier, and you won't see him outduelling Newfoundland and Labrador's Danny Williams for sound bite of the year. But he does seem to be a fighter, ready to drop the gloves for his province when called upon.



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ELLEN PAGE

Actress From Halifax to Hollywood, Ellen Page is an actress known for her natural talent, not her attitude.

At age 22, she's already garnered both Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations for her role as a pregnant teen in Juno.

Worldwide fame hasn't stopped her from remembering her Nova Scotia roots though. In fact, you might just see her hanging out in her hometown, so keep your eyes peeled for Page when grabbing a coffee, strolling along Spring Garden Road or out for a sushi dinner (supposedly her favourite food).
Page is well-known for

major roles, such as Kitty Pryde in X-Men: The Last Stand, but she's also starred in gritty flicks such as Hard Candy and played Treena Lahey on The Trailer Park Boys (which, by the way, was filmed here).

JOEL PLASKETT

Musician

Hey good lookin,' why the frown? Chances are local musician Joel Plaskett can turn it upside down.

When it comes to rock music in this city, everyone take a back to seat to



musician Joel Plaskett lives in Dartmouth

Plaskett. He's a resident of Dartmouth, that across the harbour, and his monster hit Nowhere with You is pretty much an anthem in these parts.

Plaskett has won countless East Coast Music Awards — five in 2009 in case you're wondering and has even gotten online props from self-proclaimed queen of all media" Perez Hilton.

You'll most likely have several opportunities to hear him play throughout the school year, since Plaskett loves performing at home, which he did before 50,000 fans in July as the opener for Sir Paul McCartney. Not a bad gig, eh?

MEGAN LESLIE Halifax MP

Talk about some big orange shoes to fill. Rookie MP Megan Leslie is representing the province's biggest city — and has taken over the throne for the woman who was Halifax's long-reigning queen of pol-

Alexa McDonough, former federal and provincial NDP leader, announced she wouldn't re-offer her Halifax seat prior to the last federal election. Leslie snagged the NDP nomination for the riding, and then held onto the seat for her party during last fall's federal election.

While new to the politi-

cal arena, many feel the sky is the limit for the 35year-old Leslie, a former Dalhousie University legal aid worker who is bright, articulate, approachable and stylish.

MAYANN FRANCIS

Lieutenant-Governor

Even if you think the position is a waste of taxpayers money, Lt.-Gov Mayann Francis is big cheese around here, and deserves our respect as the province's representative of the Queen.

Francis has held the position for three years and is well-educated, well-spoken and always comes across as kind.

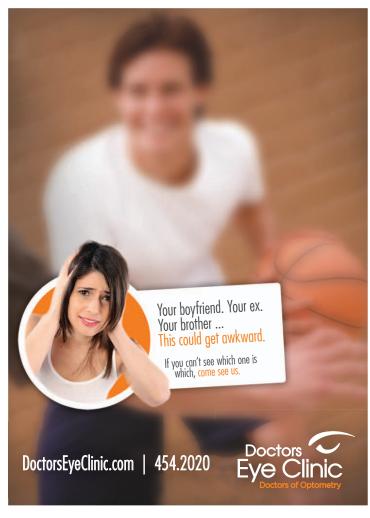
More importantly, she knows how to throw a wicked summer garden party, a gathering where one can enjoy themselves by simply looking at all the stylin' hats worn by the ladies.

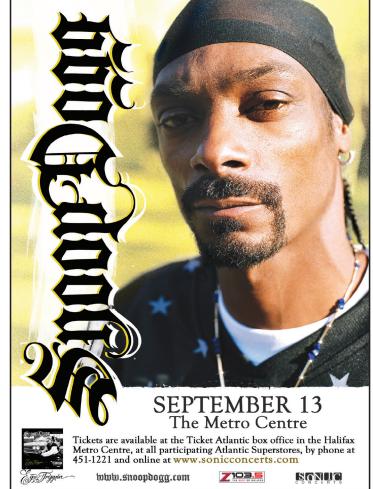
Normally, our province's lieutenant governor gets to live in the swanky digs of a mansion off Barrington Street, but it's being renovated right now, so Francis has been sticking it out in her own condominium with her beloved cat, Angel.

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Worldwide fame hasn't stopped actress Ellen Page, who starred in the film Juno, from remembering her Nova Scotia roots.





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PETER KELLY

HRM Mayor

It seems like Mayor Kelly has been at the helm of Halifax Regional Municipality for an eternity, but in reality it's only been nine years.

He won a third-straight landslide election last October and, unless a rumoured jump to provincial politics takes place, he's your main man in Halifax. When it comes to Kelly, it



Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly has held his position for nine years and is someone very much out in the community.

seems you either love him, or love to hate him.

He shows up to every tea party and community event around here and shines when disaster Still, he is also strikes. looked at by many as a fence-sitter, afraid to come out on either side of a hotbutton issue for fear of getting burned. He also draws wrath for being anti-downtown development, an is-sue you'll be sick of hearing about by the time graduation rolls around (trust

PETER MOORHOUSE

Halifax Fusion Founder

Peter Moorhouse's name may not be as well-known as some others on this list, as some others on this list, but perhaps it should be, especially by university and college students. Moorhouse was chair-man on the founding board of directors for Fu-

sion Halifax, an organization created a couple of years ago for local young professionals. The group's website says it was created "for young people, by young people" to ensure the voices of 20- to 40-yearolds are fully heard.

Moorhouse himself is director of Investor Relations

Sidney Crosby is our hometown boy as his Stanley Cup win with the Pittsburgh Penguins in June brought out more than 70,000 peo

for the Greater Halifax Partnership and serves on the Board of Directors of Iunior Achievement Nova Scotia.

But he's not the only young professional behind Fusion Halifax, so check out the group's website for more information on how it's fighting for everything from affordable housing

and environmental sustainability to job creation and economic development.

SIDNEY CROSBY

Hockey superstar

You already know who Sidney Crosby is, but here's what you need to know if you just showed up from out-of-province: Don't get

caught bad-mouthing Sid the Kid if you're out trying to make friends. The 22-year-old hails from Cole Harbour, adjacent to Dartmouth, and is revered in these parts.

He starred for the Dartmouth Subways in his teenage years and still has close ties to the city, with plenty of childhood friends

and a home on the outskirts of the municipality. So we suggest you go pick up your No. 87 Crosby jersey now and start cheering on the Pittsburgh Penguins in their quest for another Stanley Cup.

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ple to a parade in his hometown of Cole Harbour last month.

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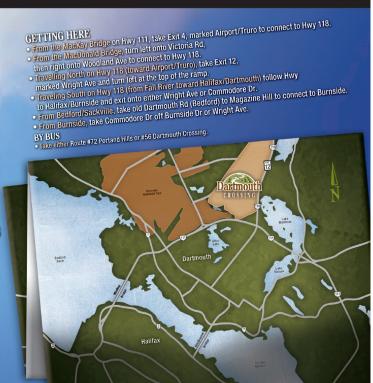
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Tech goodies for every student

RAFAEL BRUSILOW for Metro Canada

Eyes and ears up here! Class is creeping closer so make sure you're prepared with the right tech goodies to get you started (or at least enjoy the final wan-

ing days of summer).

Artistic and smart

With advanced auto-focus tracking to keep moving objects sharp, a superwide-angle zoom lens and creative in-camera filters, fers some feature-loaded cameras. The three cameras in the series, available in a

variety of pastel colours and ranging in price from \$129.99-\$189.99, offer the same 12-megapixel ca-

pability and a powerful Intelligent Auto setting. The function adjusts for shadows and decides which scene setting to use, doing the hard thinking for you and letting you focus instead on getting great shots. Fun "Magic Filters" let vou take distinctive shots quick-

ly that simulate a fish-eye lens effect, the look of a pinhole camera, wedding-ready photos softened or even

Warhol-esque pop art-style photos with enhanced, saturated colours

perfect for a hip Facebook profile pic.

Sports warrior

Both waterproof and sand-proof, the Fuji Z33WP Waterproof Whiz 10-megapixel camera is the perfect beach buddy for capturing the last fun moments of summer. The cam-

era, which retails for \$229.99, comes in four colours: green, pink, blue and black. Built-in face detection tech-

nology keeps focus sharp in group shots and Intelligent Scene Recognition ensures the best possible pictures no matter what kind of light you shoot in. A Blog Mode also offers an optimal way to quickly shoot and upload photos to sites like Twitter and Facebook, meaning it's never been easier than ever to reveal to the online world just how out-of-shape (and unaware

Touch or type

of it) your friends are.

The Motorola Rival A455 features two seemingly contradictory, yet highly convenient, features: a sliding faceplate that reveals a fullstocked QWERTY keyboard for texting, and a touch-sensitive

screen for quick operation. It's a snazzy phone that features all of the regular trappings megapixel camera, MP3 player and sup-

port for instant messaging and online email. Available on the Telus network for \$99.99 with a three-year contract, the phone is a solid choice that lies between snugly touch-only iPhones or type-only BlackBerrys

No signal? No problem

Since weak signals per-minute and charges have been the bane of all cheapskates and

travellers since the invention of the cellphone, the Nokia 7510 flip-phone definitely goes against the tide. Available on for \$49.99 with a three-year contract at Rogers Wireless, this Wi-Fi enabled phone features the ability to talk through a wireless Internet hotspot (via UMA technology) instead of on the regular network — meaning you could chat for free, even without a cellphone signal, as long as you had wireless Internet access nearby. Students will love the fact call on their wireless con-

that the phone can take a nection in their dorm room and seamlessly switch to the GSM network when they walk outside without dropping the call.

Not to be missed...

Technology always finds ways to give you new capabilities you never knew you needed and this backto-school season is no exception

 Small pictures can say big things

Printing from the palm of your hand can be both fun and practical with the Wasabi Photo Printer (starts at \$189, but is currently available for \$99 at dell.ca). This printer is a neat little wonder that definitely surprises with its usability and design. Small enough to hold in one hand, the Wasabi can connect to your mobile phone or other wireless devices

through Bluetooth or a regular USB connection. The printers use no ink at all, instead printing two- by three-inch photos on special ZINK paper, which has colour crystals embedded into it that are heated by the printer to

create photos. The diminutive

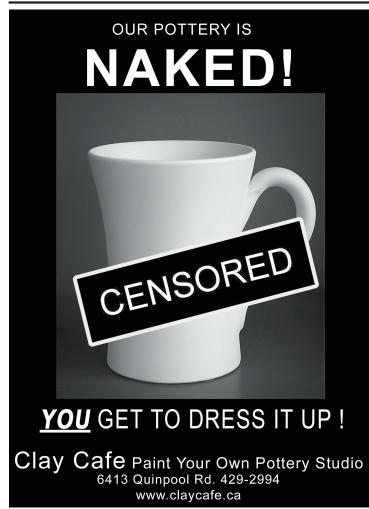
printer holds up to 12 ZINK sheets, which come on an adhesive backing, ready for sticking inside lockers or onto binders.

Data transfer without all the mumbo-iumbo

Lovers of the iPod and iPhone might just fall in love with the cute, convenient little Clickfree Transformer SE (\$49.99-\$79.99 at clickfree.com). It connects to your iPod or iPhone through the USB connection and lets you use the

massive leftover storage space on your device or transfer new music files without risking deleting any existing files, all without having to connect through a computer or use any special software. It also backs up your MP3 and data files on your iPhone or iPod with ease and can even be used to extract data should your device (or its battery) decide to head to tech-heaven a little too soon.

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A recent national survey of Canadian teachers, conducted by Leger Marketing for Best Buy Canada, showed that 72 per cent of respondents consider USB keys a critical tool for students. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Your guide to the best of Halifax

RICHARD WOODBURY for Metro Halifax

New in town and need some help on finding your way around? Don't worry.

From where to buy books to where to go for a pint, Metro's got you covered.

Where to eat out on a budget

The quest for cheap eats is synonymous with student life. Grabbing a slice of pizza is a given, but here are five other places in the city to consider:

Venus Pizza (1558 Barrington St., 425-8882): Go for the chicken shawarma, considered the best in the city.

Willy's (5239 Blowers St.): Halifax isn't known for its cheese steak sandwiches, but Willy's just might change that.

Euro Pizza (31 St. Margaret's Bay Rd., 479-7979): Living in Halifax isn't complete with-



Grabbing a slice of pizza with friends is a given — especially if you're looking for cheap eats. But there are many other options available to you in Halifax.

out eating a donair and Euro is the place to try one.

Blower's Street Paper Chase Newsstand & Cafe (5228 Blowers St., 423-0750): A popular spot with the university crowd for its affordable down-home cooking. Tarek's Café (3045 Robie St., 454-8723): Offers up healthy Middle Eastern fare at reasonable prices.

Where to get books on the cheap

Great coffee, complimentary Wi-Fi access for laptop

users and used books for sale make the **Trident Booksellers and Cafe** (1256 Hollis St., 423-7100) a great spot to unwind and relax or work on that big term paper.

If you're looking for used copies of university textbooks outside of the

school bookstore, your best bet will be **Buy the Book and More Ltd.** (1 Flamingo Dr., 445-5033).

Where to meet boys/girls

So if you're looking to meet boys/girls, you can always hit up the bar scene, but the best place really depends on who you are and what your interests are. Get involved with societies and clubs on campus to find people with similar interests. Cafes also work. And there's also Pizza Corner after a late night of drinking.

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Technology key

More than half of Canadian teachers interviewed consider laptops essential for students, according to a recent survey conducted by Leger Marketing for Best Buy Canada, showed that. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Best places to go drinking

When it comes to drinking in Halifax, you won't go thirsty. Here are our picks:

The Dome (1726 Argyle St., 422-6907): Arguably the city's most popular bar, plus it's open until 3:30 a.m.

Gus' Pub (2605 Agricola St., 423-7786): A renowned spot to see indie music from across the country.

The Bitter End (1572 Argyle St., 425-3039): Has an incredible selection of amazing martinis. Head there on Monday's for Martini Mondays.

Campus bars are always a great bet for students. They're not in business to make money, but rather they're a service for the students, so you can always expect reasonable drink prices and familiar faces.

How to have fun in the city for \$20 or less

With its scenic views, some of the best fun in Halifax comes from just taking in the scenery. Take





a walk along the waterfront, toss a Frisbee at **the Commons**, take a stroll through **Point Pleasant Park** or the **Public Gardens**. Why not have a picnic too?

Other low-cost options include going to **the Discovery Centre**, a science museum located in downtown Halifax (1593 Barrington St., 492-4422).

rington St., 492-4422). If you're looking to get a better understanding of Nova Scotia's marine heritage, head to **the Maritime Mu**- **seum of the Atlantic** (1675 Lower Water St., 424-7490). Be sure to check out the artifacts from the Titanic.

How to make the most of your bus pass

One of the best things about being a student is the U-Pass. A few years back, the major universities set-up an agreement with Metro Transit whereby full-time students would all pay a mandatory fee for a bus pass during

the school year, priced way below what it costs for non-students.

So how does one make the most of the U-Pass?

Part of what can make using a transit system so confusing has to do with not knowing how to get where. Take a look at the system map and find out what buses run near where you live and where they

The key is finding out how to get to some of the

main stations, such as the Mumford Terminal or the Lacewood Terminal and planning your routes from there. Get acquainted with Metro Transit's website, halifax.ca/metrotransit.

Best places to shop

For groceries, check out the Halifax Farmers' Market (1496 Lower Water St., 492-4043), the best spot for fresh local goods. The social experience of interacting directly with farmers and vendors is also part of its charm. The downside is it's only open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buy local!

For clothes, check out Value Village, with locations in both Halifax and Dartmouth. You'll have to dig through the racks, but the joy is in discovering a great bargain. You should be able to put together an outfit for \$20. They also sell furniture, CDs, records and books



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Greater Halifax has the highest number of post-secondary education institutions per capita in North America. More than 55 per cent of adults have completed a post-secondary degree or diploma program. HALIFAX.CA

From sex, gods and rock 'n' roll

You can learn a lot of

weird things at university. From sex, gods and rock 'n' roll to atheism, Halifax's higher learning institutions will crack your mind wide open.

Dalhousie's Human Sexuality explores everyone's favourite topic, entering it from all angles: biological, cultural, ethical, historical and religious. No word on if the health course offers hands-on experimentation.

Dal also peers into the murky world of belief with Goblins, Ghosts, Gods, Gurus. The sociology course scours the world for curious convictions and questions some sacred cows: What is commonsense? What is magic? How does belief relate to action? Meanwhile, the music department's Popular Music Until 1960 chases rock back to its minstrel roots.

Mount Saint Vincent University used to offer Good, Evil and Death, but in a curious philosophical





From Dalhousie to NSCAD, there are courses available that focus on death. If you prefer lighter fare, Saint Mary's is offering a major in Irish studies

change, it now it offers **Evil and Death**. Love and Evil explore the sites, conceptions and depictions of the two big emotions in global culture. If you don't find what you're looking for, try Death, which looks at the grand finale from an academic and experiential point of view.

At Saint Mary's, you can

study the gift of the Blarney first-hand, as it has the only university program in Canada to offer a major in Irish studies. As part of that, the Emerald Isle sends an Irish Gaelic speaker to teach students the language in Modern Irish.

NSCAD jumps on the death hearse with Lecture in Art History: Art and Death, looking at humanity's artistic response to the big sleep. On a merrier note, Stereoscopic 3D Digital Animation teaches students the keys to what may be a very big part of movie-making in the fu-

The University of King's College studies a subject familiar to any Mondaymorning student: Pain. The Contemporary Studies Program grits its teeth and asks what pain means and how it's used in medicine, torture, politics and art. Guest lecturers are scheduled to range from experts in neurophysiology to representatives of Amnesty International.

If the previous courses

strip you of all supernatural conviction, sign up for Atheism in Early Modern **Europe**, a new course at King's. Although we think of atheism as a modern unbelief system birthed by and rational science thought, this class tracks it back to its origins in the early modern Western world.

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From left: SLÄTTHULT Frames decoration stickers, \$16.99; NILS dining armchair with cover in Eslöv black/white, \$139, and HEMNES daybed with 3 drawers in white, \$499.99. All available at Ikea, ikea.ca

Home away from home

JANINE FALCON

For many students, backto-school prep time brings happy thoughts of adding personality to a dorm room or a first home away from home.

Metro tapped three design experts (and Cityline regulars) for tips on smart, budget-friendly choices for student living.

Whether you're dormitory-bound or setting up your OC (off-campus) pad, "avoid white sheets and towels," advises Arren Williams (arren-"White williams.com). doesn't stay white for long, so go for colour, and consid-

hampers, kitchen-

blends for bedding.'
Colourful pil-

lows, laundry

ware, lamps and other accessories are easy ways to put your stamp on a space. And don't forget to add plants

green is a colour, too. For inexpensive furnishings, Williams likes Value

easy-care cotton-poly

Village and Goodwill. "You might find a \$4 or \$5 chair or table you can easily spray paint fuchsia or royal blue for a funky, 8 Three's Company vin-tage look."

. Tamara Robbins Griffith, design and

Clockwise, from ton right: Assorted bath towels, \$3.50 each at Wal-Mart, walmart.ca; 10" Schefflera Arboricola green plant, \$16.88 at Home Depot, homedepot.ca; and PC Ottoman, \$49.99 at Loblaws and SuperCentres, pc.ca.

PR specialist for Ikea, stresses the importance of multi-functional

pieces for small spaces. example, upholstered din-ing chairs can serve as extra seating in the living room when you're entertaining, and bookshelves

function as zone dividers," she says. Daybeds take on daytime sofa duties as well as offer storage underneath, and drop-leaf tables expand for guests.

from To get away from posters taped to the wall, Griffith suggests multiple sizes of picture frames in the same finish for striking

vignettes holes the walls are a no-no, removeable decals can safely turn a boring surface into a feature.

Interior designer Karen Sealy (sealydesign inc.com) makes a sage point: 'Young women want clothing storage; guys like storage for snacks."

Storage tomans and extra shelving are easy for solutions both genders, says Sealy, who, along with Williams, recently put a Hershey's milk-chocolateinspired small-spaces design spin on a suite at Toronto's Delta Chelsea Hotel.

Blackout curtains drapery panels to add to existing window coverings will come in handy, too. "Students tend to work late into the night and often need to sleep during day the

savs

Sealy.

She suggests

says that more than deals, look for durable pieces to take you through your entire school career. Of course, more im-

portant than the pieces you buy is whether you can get them into your dorm or apartment. "Get details on your access routes - doorway.

stairwell or elevameasurements," Sealy.

These colourful banker's boxes are \$7.97 for a pack of two at Wal-Mart, walmart.ca.









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By the numbers

The area of Halifax is 5,577 square kilometres, and it has more than 400 kilometres of coastline. HALIFAX.CA



Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day will headline the Atlantic Film Festival this year, which runs from Sept. 17-26.

Guess who's coming to HRM?

RICHARD WOODBURY for Metro Halifax

There are always a lot of things happening in Halifax. From concerts to sporting events to live theatre, there's something for everyone.

Already a few days in, this year's **Atlantic Fringe** Festival will run until Sept. 13. There will be more than 200 performances of non-mainstream theatre in six venues. The festival is perfect for any student's budget with tickets ranging from \$3 to \$10 per show. Check out at-lanticfringe.ca for a full listing of shows.

rapper **Snoop Dogg** is stopping by the Metro Centre (1800 Argyle St., 1221) in support of his 2008 release, Ego Trippin'. The show will also feature Snoop's backing band, Tha Snoopadelics.

ing for \$51.50 \$61.50, plus a service

Snoop Dogg is playing the Metro Centre or Sunday.

charge when purchased online.

Throughout the year at the Metro Centre, there are loads of hockey games. Next Tuesday, there will be a preseason NHL game be-tween the Ottawa Senators and Florida Panthers. Ticket prices range from \$56 to \$82, plus there's a service charge if purchased online.

Halifax is also home to the Halifax Mooseheads, a junior team who plays in

of the NHLers of tomorrow before they become millionaires. Tickets are

> the city during the Atlantic Film Festival. This year, the festival

Shock rocker Marilyn Manson will be playing the Metro Centre runs from Sept. 17-26. Fea-turing 225 films from across Canada and the world, you won't be disap-pointed. Check out atlanticfilm.com for a full rundown of the events.

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day will be the headliner this year.

The Halifax Pop Explosion will leave many sets of ears ringing from Oct. 20-24. The festival bills itself as one of "the country's premiere showcases of emerging music, art and culture from Halifax, Canada and around the world." Check out the Explosion's website at halifaxpopexplosion.com for more information.

For more concert listings, check out poll star.com to keep yourself up to date of who's coming





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Jenn Grant will be one of the performers at this year's Halifax Pop Explosion, which takes place from Oct. 20-24 \$10.75 for students. On Friday, Sept. 25, shock rocker Marilyn Manson along with opening act Die Mannequin will be playing at the Metro Centre. All tickets are \$58.50, plus there's a service charge if pur-chased online. Late September in Halifax is an exciting time, with a buzz filling



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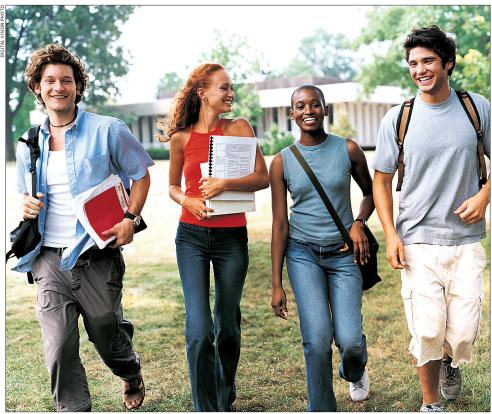
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Study tip

Take good notes. Listen carefully and briefly summarize main ideas, rather than writing down what the teacher says word for word. This will help make studying easier. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Most schools have safe walk programs, counselling services and emergency phones to keep their students safe on campus.

Your safety is 'up

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The key to staying safe on campus revolves around using common sense and taking responsibility for one's own actions.

"It's now up to you," says Chris Goss, the operations manager of the University of Waterloo Police Service.

Goss says there are supports available at the university and he encourages students to use them, but ultimately it comes down to

personal responsibility.
At campuses across the country, schools focus on educating first-year stu-dents about what they should and shouldn't be doing to remain safe on campus. Most schools also have things like safe walk programs, counselling services and emergency phones in place to make the campus a safer place.

Goss says it's important students be aware of the resources available before they need them. He also recommends students get to know their campuses and find out where things are located.

The biggest safety issue at Canadian universities is theft, says Bill Mowbray, the director of campus security services at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

He says students should never leave behind their personal possessions, even if it's just for a minute. Mowbray also recommends

that bike riders get proper locks for their bikes and not just use a chain lock. For students in residence, he recommends locking the door if they leave their rooms

Mowbray's advice is simple when it comes to preventing theft: "Lock it up or take it with you."

The newfound freedom of being away from home for the first time, along with the stress that can come with it means some students turn to alcohol.

"Drinking to excess brings with it its own issues," says Mowbray, such as loss of property and physical and sexual assaults.

"Don't drink to excess," he cautions. "Have a good time. Have a couple drinks with your friends, but always be aware of what's around you."

Although university campuses are safe, people must not get complacent, says Mowbray.

"University campuses are the safest parts of our city," he says. Historically, they have been that way. People get lulled into that false sense that it's always that

way."

If something is wrong, students must talk to somebody, says Gayle Churchill, the director of student life at Mount Allison University in Sackville,

"That's the big thing," she says. "To take that step to talk to somebody, whatever it might be.



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How to work out, on a budget

KARL YU for Metro Canada

Tuition and textbook expenses give students' bank accounts a tough workout, but there are ways to get in shape during the school year while giving that tired bank ac-

count a break.

Steve McMinn, the personal trainer behind fitforreal.ca, says physical fitness doesn't have to be expen-

Riding a bike to school is a great way to burn calories while saving on transportation costs, McMinn said. A 150-pound man can burn about 220 calories per halfhour bike ride, while a 120pound woman burns about One pound equals about 3,500 calories, so students biking to and from school burn a pound every week-and-a-half.

At school, taking the stairs over the elevator also makes a difference in the

long run.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, going up and down the stairs five minutes each way burns about 80 calories That's almost half a pound every week.

After class, the most fun way to stay in shape is to ioin an exercise class or an

intramural sports league both are usually covered by tuition.

"If you play in a (student) floor hockey league or a beach volleyball league or indoor soccer all those things are great fun," McMinn said. "You get to meet people and you also get to stay in shape.'

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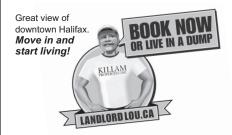
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Students at the Hair Design Centre will cut a lady's hair for as low as \$11.61, and a guy's from \$10.08.

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The best way to save money is to not spend it, and Halifax has lots of stuff for free, or just about, if you know where to look.

If you need furniture, go

street shopping. The curbs of Halifax are a veritable Ikea for the first few weeks of September, as students shuffle around the city and leave their goods behind. If you don't see a sofa that matches the flower pattern on your armchair, try the Parker Street Furniture

Bank (2415 Maynard St.). You'll get a great deal while helping a good charity. If that fails, go to Kijiji.ca. For clothes, stick to sec-

ond-hand. There's a great Salvation Army near the Queen Street Sobeys, where you can assembly a funky wardrobe for a few dollars.

Sell your body. No, not like that: turn yourself into a classroom and let your fellow students learn on you. Students at the Hair Design Centre (278 Lacewood Dr.) will trim a lady's locks for as low as \$11.61 and a guy's from \$10.08. Students at the Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry will clean your teeth for about half the price of a regular dentist.

Most jobs you get in university won't pay a huge amount, so factor in the benefits. If you work at the student union, you'll likely get into concerts for free. A job at Empire Theatre gives you all the movies you want for nothing. The same goes at Video Difference on Quinpool Road: free rentals for staff. If your university has a newspaper or magazine, write for it. If you use enough swagger, it could be your press pass into the hottest events in the city.

Join the public library. The Spring Garden Road branch is the mecca of free things in Halifax: books, current magazines, DVDs, CDs, Internet, lectures, heating, you name it.

Buy used textbooks or borrow them from the library. Pay full price only when absolutely necessary, and then use it as an excuse to chat up that cute girl/guy in your class and see if they want to split the cost and share the text.

If you want to travel, consider going off season - or at least not at Christmas, when prices spike. When you're sitting alone in your apartment on Dec. 25, count your money to keep yourself company. If you do go, book through a studentfriendly agency like Travel Cuts on Barrington Street.



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Ahead of the class

JANINE FALCON for Metro Canada

Besides undermining our standout person ality, sloppy sweats encourage that "freshman 20." the annual bloat that afflicts more than first-year kids. Do yourself a style favour: Live campus life like the paparazzi is around the corner and vou're an off-duty celeb.

"Models like Lara Stone and Erin Was-Erin son have mastered the look think ripped jeans, leather moto jackets and combat boots while 'it girls' Kate Bosworth, Alexa Chung and Rachel Bilson know how look even at the air-

port, in fedoras,

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Gap Always Skinny Jeans \$79.50, denim \$69.50

8-Halle stretch skinny jeans, below, are \$110 at parasuco.com, while

the Levis 501 **Boyfriend Jeans Timeless** Wash, below left retail for \$98.

stylist Julia Seidl, who works with CosmoTV's Oh So Cosmo crew. Here are some

tips on what you need to up your class level this

If any jeans are signed for sitting in threehour lecture, the boyfriend

jeans are it. Fans of a closfit

outfit with scarves (\$15 each at Reitmans), left, or a Beach Bucket Bag in Rustler Leather (\$248 at Roots).

can find com-

fort, too, with denim like Canadian brand Parasuco's all-directions-stretch 8-Halle skinny jeans. Seidl says distressed skinnies are also hot — "any-thing with well-placed holes, frays, even doo-dles" — and washes from pale grey to acid to light blue to almost black.

Jackets

The moto jacket shares the fashion spotlight oversized, slightly baggy boyfriend blazers. "Wear eione with skinny jeans, leggings, big boots or ballet flats," says Seidl. "A plain white tee, long

single pendant neck-lace and a slouchy toque completes the outfit."

Guy style Fellows, if you

must wear golf shirts, for one go with dash, like the Trip golf shirt from

dian compacompa ny Quag-mire. Seidl's top guy choices are a simple Vneck white tee, a grey Vneck or shawl-collar cardislim, skinny gan, straight-leg jeans, plus shirts in stripes or plaid with rolled-up sleeves. Good lookin' shoes help, too.

Boots and booties

Thigh-high leather boots were all over the fall's catwalks, but most students can't shell out \$500," says Seidl, who is all about run-way fashion on a budget. Instead go for flat, leather knee-high boots, granny ankle boots that are kicking it big with the likes of Sienna Miller and Zoe Cravit, and all-buckled-up motorcycle boots. "Highheeled booties, open or closed toe, can take your

from class to a night out, too,

she says **Accessories**

A good quality, honking big handbag that can double as a bookbag is a must. And stock up on chunky chokers, bib necklaces, cocktail rings, hats, scarves and belts, all for daytime as well as night. "Never

from top: Boyfriend blazer by Sears Attitude, \$89.99; classic men's cardigan by Joe Fresh, \$29: and Men's Trip

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leave the house without at least two accessories," says

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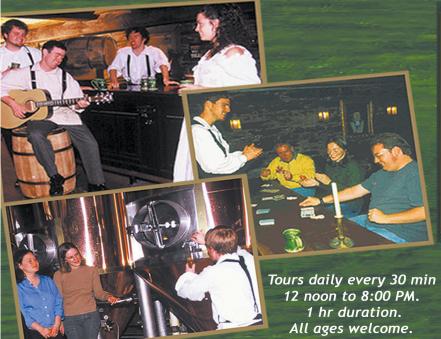
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I have yet to hear of a timeshare that has increased over time. That in itself, does not make a timeshare a poor purchase. If your purchase was for enjoyment, then a timeshare can make good sense.

Food for thought: Don't buy for a profit; without a few days cooling period; without consulting a lawver: with credit card; or be pressured to sign "now or lose the deal."

Henry Choo Chong, CGA, can be reached at

Concentrate on your wallet to lose weight

Alison**On**Monev Alison Griffiths

he diet industry is a perennial money maker from exercise programs to magic potions and from diet books to calorie counting counselors. In the end, though, pretty much all of it centres on

Here's a different approach. Lose weight by focusing on money. A recent fascinating article in ethi-curian.com by Marc R., aka Mental Masala (forgive him, he's a food writer), points out that according to the U.S. Gov-

ernment Accountability Office. per capita spending on food rose 16

per cent between 1982 and 2007. Canadian data is less revealing but we tend to mirror Americans in our food spending.

Most of the increase noted comes from food consumed away from home. We all sense that every bite of takeout and restaurant food delivers a much high-er caloric wallop than what you prepare yourself. Add to that the huge escalation in the frequency of eating out and the problem for dieters is clear.

Back in the 1970s, when disco was

cool, "Restrict the Americans amount of money consumed 18 per cent of you spend eating total calories out, especially on away from calorie-laden home. takeout, and you'll

Mental, who probably calls himself that after in no time. Set spending too aside an amount in much with government cash every week or reports, esti- every paycheque mates the and once it's gone, percentage had risen to your dining out is

nearly 50 per done." cent by the end of the

90s. I'm willing to bet the figure is even higher today. Obviously, eating

takes a bigger chunk 0111 of vour wallet than food con-

sumed at home, though you do get a lot more caloric bang for your buck. If the aim was to get more (calories) for your money this would be fine. But if you are trying to lose weight, well,

you get the picture.

So here's the money focused weight

loss solution. Restrict the amount of you money spend eating out, especially calorieladen takeout, and you'll be and lean mean in no time. Set aside an amount in cash every week or every paycheque and once it's gone. vour dining out is

You'll save money and cut calories at the same time - now that's a diet!

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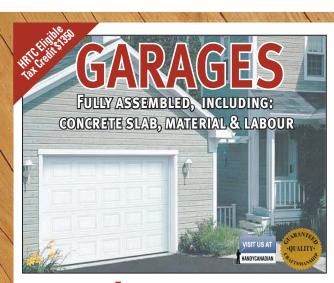


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course load, and take an extra semester to control their finances. Other students feel they can take on a little more debt. NEWS CANADA

Have fun, on a budget

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Even bookworms need to have fun sometimes, but there's just one problem for most entertainmentstarved students: lack of cash.

Fear not, for while your personal finances might elicit a poorly disguised giggle from the bank teller, you can still have plenty of fun for a dime with these tips below.

Bag it 'n' bring it

Picnics are killer for social fun and they're cheap as all heck, plus you can do them just about anywhere. Head to the park with friends and a guitar for a

midday soiree, or camp out in your college quad for some after-class fun with snacks and bevvies. Great for a romantic option on the cheap too.

The play's the thing

Live theatre can be quite cheap for students, with tickets often going for half the price of regular seats. Check out your campus theatre especially - you can often find some good shows for about \$5-\$8. Students in Ottawa and Calgary take note: the National Arts Centre offers unsold tickets to professional shows for \$11 to students. In Toronto, hip-TIX offers performing arts tickets for \$5 to students



To save money, why not get your friends together for a DVD night? Rentals are cheap, and microwave popcorn costs next to nothing.

Cinema de couch

For some students, the DVD player can become like a second mother

and for good reason. Rentals are cheap, or free if you borrow a disc from a friend, and a big TV can let

plenty of people watch. Theme nights can be a blast ('70s horror? Comedies starting with the letter 'A'? Schwarzenegger?) and microwave popcorn costs next to nothing.

Get active

Most campuses have rec centres that you've already paid for a membership to (remember all those brutal fees?) so get moving! Join an intramural team for active, social fun or get people together for a group workout. A scenic bike ride around town offers free travel and exploration too.

Chat it out

Round up some like-minded people for a regular coffee'n'chat session. Hip coffee shops are usually in abundance around campus and even ultra-expensive coffee usually maxes out at about \$4, meaning you can debate vampire lore to your heart's content without having to spend much. Make it a weekly thing and switch topics regularly to keep things fresh.

Volunteer

Not only is volunteering a great experience, it costs vou only time and vou'll often get fed for free. It's also a much underrated date option if you volunteer together — you'll get to know each other's real personalities a lot quicker when you're interacting with people in a helping scenario.

Where to get good stuff — for free!

There is one universal price all students can agree on, and that price is FREF.

Free stuff is the holy grail of just about any student's financially challenged life and finding great giveaways is not necessarily as hard as you might think. Here are a few places

Craigslist.org. Yes, there is a "Free" section on this nowubiquitous site, which has branches in dozens of Canadian cities and yes, people who post here really are giving their used stuff away for nothing. Furniture tops the list of worthwhile items that you can often get for free, but books and appliances are popular giveaways too. An example of some recent giveaways in the Toronto area: 50" rear-projection TV, and a set of bookcases.

RedFlagDeals.com. A popular site that screens free online offers to make sure they are legit. Just about anything might pop up here, but keep in mind

that for most free offerings, you'll be expected to sign up to a site or fill out a survey (usually mentioned in the item's posting). An example of some recent giveaways: a Vancouver Canucks fan pack, and an IT certification study guide.

Totallyfreestuff.com. Solid site that offers plenty of vetted Canadian deals, Similar situation to RedFlagDeals with signing up/survey-filling. Example recent freebies: teeth whitening package, and a free

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Canadianfreestuff.com. Smaller list of free postings, but it has a huge forum where freebie-seekers trade tips, tricks and freebie leads they have already vetted themselves. Great user-written guides on hunting free stuff too. Recent forum postings: free Quaker Oats granola bars, and a free vegan starter kit.

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Sports



Rookie shows scoring touch

for the team lead in pre-season scoring. Andrews, who was select with the 15th overall pick that was acquired in a trade for Gabriel O'Connor at June's draft, had two goals and six assists in five games

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Balsillie boosts bid for Coyotes

NHL Jim Balsillie is upping his efforts to acquire the Phoenix Coyotes.

The co-CEO of Research in Motion has increased his bid for the NHL club to US\$242.5 million, according to documents filed by Balsillie's lawyers in an Arizona bankruptcy court last night.

Balsillie had been offering \$212.5 million since the team was placed in Chapter 11 bankruptcy back in May.

The change is intended to address concerns raised in court by unsecured creditors and will see the City of Glendale — where the Coyotes play their home games — receive an additional \$50 million.

Another \$20 million from the original bid intended for other creditors would be taken away.

Judge Redfield T. Baum is scheduled to oversee an auction for the team on Thursday.

The NHL, Balsillie and a group of Canadian and American businessmen called Ice Edge Holdings have all submitted bids.

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Stricker moves past Woods in standings

GOLF Given another chance to win a playoff event, Steve Stricker delivered back-to-back birdies to cap off a wild Labour Day finish and win the Deutsche Bank Championship yesterday, moving past Tiger Woods to the top of the FedEx Cup

standings.
One week after missing a 10-foot par putt to force a playoff, Stricker rolled in a 15-foot birdie on the 17th hole, then hit a delicate chip to tap-in range on the par-5 18th for a 4-under 67 one-shot victory over Jason Dufner and Scott Verplank.

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Sports in brief

GENDER TEST Wilfred Daniels, the remorseful coach of a South African runner whose gender has been questioneds has resigned over the way her case was handled. Daniels says Caster Semenya's gender test was conducted without her knowledge under the guise of a doping check.

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Back in time for opener?

Konrad Abeltshauser's injury may not be as bad as feared

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Konrad Abeltshauser's nasty fall was not as bad as it looked.

The Halifax Mooseheads rookie could be back as early as Friday for the team's QMJHL seasonopener after leaving the ice in a pool of blood in last Friday's exhibition finale.

Abeltshauser, who arrived from Germany for his rookie campaign a month ago, was accidentally hit in the face by the helmet of teammate Chuckie Schembri and told coaches he "couldn't feel his teeth" after he barely stumbled off the

But X-rays came back negative on the weekend, quelling fears that he might have broken his jaw or cheekbone.

"Just a fat lip," said associate coach Chris Donnelly. "He might be concussed and that's what we're waiting to see — if that's a reality, he might have to wait seven days

Abeltshauser could be back on the ice for a light skate today.

In other injury news, 17year-old defenceman Garrett Clarke practised yesterday but is still bothered by a nagging groin injury and may not be able to



Konrad Abeltshauser could be back in time for the season opener after being injured on Friday

play Friday against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney.

SCHEMBRI SETTLES IN Aside from Schembri's accidental run-in with Abeltshauser, the 19-year-old is settling in with his new team. Schembri, claimed off waivers from the Moncton Wildcats last Wednesday, said there are no hard feelings between he and blue-liner Mooseheads Spencer Metcalfe.

Schembri and Metcalfe went toe-to-toe in a spirited fight when the Wildcats

"He might be concussed and that's what we're waiting to see — if that's a reality, he might have to wait seven days."

Chris Donnelly, associate coach

met the Mooseheads two weeks ago.

"We're buddies now," the five-foot-nine agitator said. "We went golfing together Saturday so it's all good.'

HARD SKATE The Mooseheads were skated into the ground at practice at the Civic Centre yesterday, pushed to their limits in a series of suicides after two days off.

"We have a big game coming up on Friday," said veteran right-winger Linden Bahm. "We're working hard and getting ready ... We're going to be a hardworking team this year and I think this kind of practice does us good.'

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udin scores third upset in a row

U.S. OPEN Forget about forehands and backhands. Melanie Oudin's biggest weapon is her heart.

The 17-year-old sparkplug from Georgia proved it again yesterday at the U.S. Open, extending her remarkable run to the quarter-finals with another come-from-behind victory, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3 over 13thseeded Nadia Petrova.

Oudin staved off two points that would have put her behind 5-3 in the second set, then rolled through the third, hitting corners with those underrated groundstrokes and taking advantage of 22 unforced errors by her more-seasoned, higher-ranked opponent. Rankings, like her age,

however, are only numbers. The 70th-ranked player already had comeback wins over No. 4 Elena Dementieva and No. 29 Maria Sharapova at Flushing Meadows, along with one over former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic this summer at Wimbledon. Now, she's knocked off No.

Too young to know any better? Maybe. Regardless, has become the youngest American to move into the quarter-finals at America's Grand Slam since Serena Williams in 1999.

"I think this is going to do



Melanie Oudin celebrates her win over Nadia Petrova.

a lot," Oudin said. "I think it's good for American ten-

Not so good for Russian

tennis, though

All four of Oudin's wins have come against Russians and her next match could be against yet another. That's sixth-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2004 Open champion and the only Grand Slam tournament winner left on Oudin's side of the bracket.

In men's action, No. 1 Roger Federer beat No. 14 Tommy Robredo 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 for his 38th straight win at the U.S. Open. In the quarter-finals, Federer will face No. 12 Robin Soderling, who he beat in the French Open final to complete his career Grand Slam.

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Dry, Canadians both one away

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moosehead Dry and Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians are each one victory away from going head-tohead in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League fi-

Dartmouth dumped the Kentville Wildcats 11-5 on Sunday to grab a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven semifinal. Halifax edged the Truro Bearcats 3-2 on Saturday and has a 3-1 lead in the other semifinal.

Both semifinals can wrap up tonight. Halifax hosts Truro at 7:30 p.m. and Dartmouth visits METRO HALIFAX

Sommerville wins Peterbilt 250 again

AUTO RACING Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B., became the first twotime winner of the Peterbilt 250 on Sunday.

Sommerville earned the 15,000 top prize at the Carquest Pro Stock Tour event in Geary, N.B., in the ninth annual event before a record crowd of about 8.000

Enfield's Shawn Turple, who leads the Carquest points standings heading into this weekend's final race at Scotia Speedworld, earned \$5,000 as the runner-up. METRO HALIFAX

Tiger-Cats beat last-place Argos

CFL Kevin Glenn threw two TD passes to lead the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to a 34-15 win over the Toronto Argonauts vesterday.

Hamilton (5-4) snapped a six-game home losing streak against Toronto (2-7). The two teams don't have the luxury of time to mull over this one. The Argos host the Ticats Friday night.

The win was important Hamilton, moved four points ahead of third-place Winnipeg (3-6) in the East Division standings and to within four points of first-place Montreal (7-2). Toronto remains last in the conference.

In other CFL action, Calgary thumped Edmonton 32-8 yesterday, while on Sunday Saskatchewan downed Winnipeg 29-14.

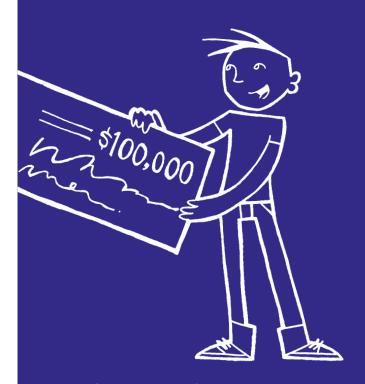
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Julia tops the charts

Mastering the Art of French Cooking, Volume I by Julia Child was the best selling cookbook at amazon.ca last week. Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously by Julie Powell came in second place. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Food

When it comes to cooking locally produced foods, keep your recipes simple to allow the fresh and natural flavours to come through, says chef Chris Venhuis.

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Ensure that the products you are buying are truly local by reading labels and asking estions of vendors at farmer's markets and produce staff at supermarkets.

Canadian Living magazine is on sale now!

Canadian Living recipe of the month

Varm chicken salad and a crisp

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES COOK TIME: 35 MINUTES MAKES 4 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) paprika 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 1 each sweet red and green pepper, cut into 2 cm-wide strips 6 cups (1.5 l) loosely packed mixed baby salad greens
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) thinly sliced sweet onion 1/3 cup (75 ml) quartered pimiento-stuffed green olives
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) each toasted slivered almonds and crumbled feta cheese
- SHERRY VINAIGRETTE: 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra-virgin
- olive oil 1 tbsp (15 ml) sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar 1/2 tsp (2 ml) Dijon mustard

Pinch each salt, pepper



Warm Spanish Chicken Salad

METHOD:

In bowl, toss together chicken, oil, paprika, salt and pepper; transfer to foil-lined baking sheet. Add red and green peppers; bake in 375°F (190°C) oven until peppers are tender and chicken is no longer pink inside, about 35 minutes. Let chicken cool enough to handle; thinly slice crosswise.

In large bowl, combine salad greens, onion, olives, almonds, chicken and pep-

SHERRY VINAIGRETTE:

In small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, salt, pepper and sugar; pour over salad and toss to coat. Sprinkle with feta cheese.

Pear Apple Crisp

PREP TIME: 12 MINUTES COOK TIME: 1 HOUR MAKES 6 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups (1.5 l) chopped cored peeled pears
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped cored peeled apples
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) allpurpose flour
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon

Pear Apple Crisp

- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon TOPPING:
- 1 cup (250 ml) quickcooking rolled oats (not instant)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) allpurpose flour
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) salted butter, melted

METHOD:

In bowl, toss together pears, apples, flour, sugar, lemon juice and cinnamon until combined; spread in 8-inch (2 l) square glass baking dish. Set aside

TOPPING: In small bowl.

whisk together oats, sugar, flour and nutmeg; drizzle with butter, tossing with fork until crumbly. Sprinkle over pear mixture.

Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven until pears are tender and topping is golden and crisp, about 1 hour.



Editor's Note

Starting this Thursday, Metro is launching Urban Foodie, a column that reviews Halifax's best dining spots.

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No time to cook? No more excuses

Donna Hay is one of the best-known names in cookbook and magazine publishing in the world: Her previous books have sold more than 2.2 million **copies internationally.** Donna Hay's new book, No

Time to Cook: Fresh & Easy Recipes for a Fast Forward World (HarperCollins), is full of delicious, simple food that won't eat up your whole evening.

HarperCollins Canada offered Metro these two recipes to get you started:

Spinach, Ricotta & Dill Pies

INGREDIENTS:

• 4 sheets (25 cm x 25 cm) store-bought shortcrust pastry, thawed

Spinach-ricotta filling:

- 250 g frozen spinach, thawed
- 600 g ricotta
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup (40 g) finely grated parmesan



Spinach, Ricotta & Dill Pies.

- 2 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped flatleaf parsley leaves
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped dill leaves sea salt and cracked black pepper

Preheat oven to 180°C (355°F). Cut pastry to fit 4 x 1-cup (250ml) pie dishes, allowing for an overhang.



Flourless Chocolate Cake.

To make the spinch-ricotta filling, squeeze out excess water from spinach, place in bowl with ricotta, eggs, parmesan, onion, parsley, dill, salt and pepper and mix together well.

Divide filling between pastry-lined dishes and bake for 30 minutes or until filling sets. To freeze, wrap pie dishes in a layer of baking paper, then plastic wrap and aluminium foil to seal. Freeze for up to 3 months.

Flourless Chocolate Cake **SERVES 12**

INGREDIENTS:

- 350 g quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 185 g unsalted butter, chopped
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup (220 g) brown sug-
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) hazelnut
- 1 cup (100 g) ground hazelnuts

Hazelnut cream:

- 300 ml cream
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) hazelnut liqueur, extra

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 170°C (340°F). Line the base and sides of a 22-cm springform pan with non-stick baking paper.

Place chocolate and butter into a saucepan over low heat and stir until



melted.

Place eggs, sugar, liqueur and hazelnuts into a bowl and whisk to combine. Add chocolate mixture and whisk until smooth. Spoon mixture into tin and cover with aluminium foil.

Bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and cool cake in tin then refrigerate until cold.

cream, place the cream and liqueur in a bowl and beat with electric beaters or a whisk until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until just before serving. Serve with hazelnut cream.



The White Zin

hankfully school is over for me but I still hate September. It's the way we all draw a line at the Labour Day weekend.

On one side we can revel in all things summer; on the other the outdoor furniture comes in, the white pants wind up at the back of the closet and rosé wines are bid

adiós for another year. While I can live with most of the seasonal changes I'm here to tell you that pink wines — especially the White Zinfandel — aren't just for warm weather any more. Long maligned as a marketing ploy aimed at unsophisticated drinks, the White Zin has remained as simple and straight forward as it was when Californian winemakers first developed it in the 1970s.

Sutter Home's 2008 White Zinfandel (\$7.99 - \$9.97) is the original and its soft, berry sweetness remains benchmark. Equally as fruity, Beringer Vineyards' 2008 California Collection White Zinfandel (\$9.90 - \$11.99) has a slight drier edge.

Though these style of blush wines aren't very complicated they match surprisingly well with most meals — particularly those big holiday spreads that you'll soon be preparing — and appeal to wide variety of palates no matter what the temperature outside.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be avail-



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Health & Beauty

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New season, new plan

September is a great time to get serious about fitness

Phew! Now that the kids are back at school and the end-of-summer chaos is over, it's time for your fall routine to settle in. For optimal health, that routine should include

outdoor exercise. September is a great time to get serious about fitness, says Sandra Banks, a certified personal trainer in Vancouver.

"As the summer barbeques and patio parties wrap up, there are fewer distractions and fewer temptations. The cooler weather also makes outdoor exercise more pleas-

As a bootcamp instructor, Banks often gets new clients out to her class in the fall. It's a time of great beginnings. If you are keen to start an exercise program, but are worried about motivation, here are some tips from Banks:

• Put it in writing: If you write it on your calendar and make it part of your regular schedule, you are less likely to skip out on a workout just because workout just because you're feeling a little tired.

 Try something new: Take a chance and sign up for something you've never tried before. For example,



Try something new with your fitness routine like rollerblading or join an ultimate frisbee league.

vou could ioin an ultimate frisbee league or take rollerblading lessons. You'll be so busy learning new skills that you'll forget that you're doing exercise!
• Power in numbers:

Sign up for a bootcamp or join a run/walk clinic. Or, better yet, recruit some friends and start your own outdoor exercise group. If you're meeting friends,

vou'll look forward to working out, and even if you've had a long day, you'll show up because you won't want to let them down

The benefit of walking or running with friends is bolstered by doing some resistance training and stretching afterwards. The old standbys - push ups, sit ups and squats – are good. If you haven't done these in a while, here are two beginner bootcamp exercises Banks suggests. No equipment is needed — just a park bench:

1) Bench Squat – Stand in

front of the bench facing away from it and start to sit down. Just before your rear end touches the bench, stop and hold for a count of five, then stand up. Repeat 20 times.

2) Bench Push Up - Face the bench. Put your hands on the seat (difficult) or the back (easy) of the bench. Keeping your abs tight and your hips and back straight, bend your elbows to 90 degrees, hold for a count, and then straighten your arms. Your wrists should be in line with your shoulders throughout the movement. Repeat 10 times.

Single women prefer attached men: Study



've always had unwritten rules about who you should and shouldn't date. Friends' exes are out, for example. So is asking someone out when you know a girlfriend

is already interested in him. Hitting on a girlfriend's guy when they are already dating is definitely out.

In fact, in my books, hit-ting on any guy who's al-ready attached or married even if you're not friends with his partner is a no-no. It's just bad karma.

But it seems karma is no match for biology. Ninety per cent of the single women in an Oklahoma State University study on "mate poaching" were more interested in dating a man who was already in a relationship than a single

Past psychological studies have shown that some women may try to lure a man away from his current partner, a phenomenon known as "mate poaching." One 2004 study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology suggested that as many as one in five long-term relationships began when one or both partners was already in a relationship with some-

one else.

But this new study, published in the current issue of the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, shows that most single women actually prefer men who are already in a committed relationship.

Men and women were matched with students based on a description of their ideal romantic partner. When researchers described the women's match as single, 59 per cent of the single women in the study were interested in pursuing him. However, when they described the exact same man as being in a committed relationship, 90 per cent of the women were interested. Neither the men nor the already attached women who participated showed this preference.

Dr. Melissa Burkley, an assistant professor of social psychology at Oklahoma State University and one of the researchers behind the study, suggests that the reason behind this is that single women are more interested in pursuing unavailable men possibly because they are more interested in a guy who's already shown he can commit by being in another relationship.

Of course, the study doesn't show that, if you pursue the committed man and he goes for it, he's also clearly capable of breaking that commitment and cheating.

 Would you pursue someone you knew was already attached? Post your answers in the comments section of The J Spot column online at metronews.ca.

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Uma Thurman is set to marry her beau, Arpad Busson, with to a gala wedding at London's Kensington Palace sometime next June, according to the Daily Mail. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Royal couple



Kate Beckinsale stars in the thriller Whiteout, which was partially shot in Manitoba.

Cold one for Kate

Beckinsale braves Canadian winter for Whiteout

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FEATURE Kate Beckinsale has done quite a lot on screen. She's battled fellow vampires in the Underworld films, worked triage while bombs fell in Pearl Harbor and put up with Adam Sandler in Click.

But one thing she hasn't done in quite some time is use her real accent. "I'd like to play a character that is English. Maybe something a bit more classical," she says.

Well, she'll have to wait a little bit longer. In her latest film, Whiteout, Beckinsale fakes an Amerito play U.S. Marshal Carrie Stetko, stationed in Antarctica and charged with investigating the continent's first murder just days before her post shuts down the night before we started for the daylight-free winter.

had her share of intense sets, Beckinsale was taken aback by this film's extreme working environment. (Manitoba sat in for Antarctica for exterior shots.)

Though she's

"It was a lot more intense, really, because we were all worried we were going to die of hypothermia any second," she says.

Not that they weren't pre-

"When we arrived, they put a small telephone di-rectory under our doors shooting saying,

'These are all Whiteout different the ways it's posopens in sible to die here.' Being theatres too cold, or

being too Friday hot keep your clothes on for too long when you go inside. Or if you've ever had an alcoholic drink, or if you breathe in a westerly direction, you're going to

Beckinsale admits she

underestimated the conditions. "I thought, being from England, I know how to handle the cold. But it wasn't anything like that," she says, though the Canadian shooting only lasted a couple of weeks before the production headed indoors.

"I try and make it out like we shot in the cold for a lot longer than we did because it makes me sound a bit more tough," she says.

Aside from wanting to speak in her native accent, Beckinsale has other work aspirations after a few years of action, drama and suspense. "I'd like to do some comedy," she says. 'That's what I'd really like

DVD picks

Sugar

Rvan Fleck

NONincluded, believe that the Dominican Republic is island

baseball haven, with limitless raw talent. The assumption has some factual basis — there's an abundance of players in the major leagues — but the reality is more Darwinian.

Then there's the adage, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." This, too, doesn't always bear up to the scrutiny of a game where winning is everything, and where often, in the case of injuries, your real character is exhibited in how you cope with not playing.

These are the sour lessons in Sugar for Miguel "Sugar" Santos (Algenis Pérez Soto), a cocky kid from San Pedro de Macoris who, at the age of 19, attracts the interest of big-time scouts for his powerful knuckle curveball. He heads to spring training with dreams of milk and honey.

Sugar quickly learns there's much more to the game than smoking a hot pitch across the plate.

Written and directed by the Half Nelson team of Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, Sugar is a departure from movies of its kind in quietly observing that life is often a series of base hits rather than grand-slam homers.

Sin Nombre

Director: Cary Joji Fukunaga

SIN NOMBRE as "without name." In this drama of fugitive immigrants and gang violence



along the U.S.-Mexico frontier, it refers to the characters' anonymous and unwanted status in the U.S., the promised land for many Latin Americans.

Getting stateside requires a combination of stealth and guile for anyone lacking the cash and connections. Character motivations are compli-cated and completely understandable. Among the film's many revelations is a cast of talented unknowns who stand to become much better known in years to come - which makes the "no name" title seem ironic.

A train drama that is usually the stuff of Bond film fantasy or cheap CGI trickery is rendered with documentary veracity by Goldman's Adriano award-winning camera work, which, like the action, never lets up. The harsh realities of Sin

Nombre could be pulled straight from today's headlines, The real source, though, is the heart and mind of writer/director Cary Fukunaga, who exhibits technical skills and life insights not often found in rookie filmmakers. Extras include deleted scenes and a commentary by Fukunaga and producer Amy Kaufman.

Peter Howell /for Metro Canada

Capitalism for 'good people'

Michael Moore's says his film Capitalism: A Love Story is dedicated to "good people ... who've had their lives ruined by the quest for profit."

After many a successful debut at Cannes, Moore premiered the film yesterday in his first appearance at the Venice Film Festival. The movie was warmly received at a press showing Saturday evening and won positive

reviews.

Variety called it one of Moore's "best pics."

"I am personally affected by good people who struggle, who work hard and who've had their lives ruined by decisions that are made by people who do not have their best interest at heart, but who have the best interest of the bottom line, of the company, at heart." Moore told reporters.

The film features plenty of examples of lives shattered by corporate greed but also some inspiring tales of workers who have rebelled.

According to Moore, the revolt you think I am calling for has actually begun. It began Nov. 4," when President Barack Obama was elected.

The filmmaker is optimistic that unimagined change can happen, citing

the unexpected fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and Nelson Mandela's election as the president of South Africa after 27 years in prison for his antiapartheid activism.

"There are many things that have happened in the last 20 years that are just utterly surprising, so that I now believe anything can happen. People can revolt in good ways.

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Capitalism: A Love Story is the new film from Michael Moore.



Boyle outselling Beatles, Whitney

Susan Boyle fans are hitting amazon.com to rabidly pre-order Boyle's first CD, which will be released Nov. 24, and she's easily outselling Whitney Houston and the Beatles, Pop Watch reports. METRO WORLD NEWS

Town of brotherhood | Charger accused in Tila incident



Our **Boys**

Authors: Joe Drape **Publisher:** Times Books Price: \$32.00 (Hardcover)

New York Times reporter Drape ventured to Smith Center, Kan., expecting only to pen an article on the small town's highly successful high school football team, the Redmen. But taken by the team's rousing head coach Roger Barta, Drape

relocated to BookPicks the community to write

a full novel on the team. What he found was a fostering culture that transcends football, the coach's encouragement and enthusiasm touching players' personal lives and futures. Through this intimate field study, Drape explores how a sports team is both a symbol of the collaborative power of a town.



Getting Rid of Rosie

Author: Lynda Simmons Publisher: Berkeley Books Price: \$17.50 (Paperback)

When Samantha Marcello's best friend stole her fiancé Michael nearly a decade ago. Sam never thought she'd hear from either again. So when Michael stumbles in to the Silver Swan — the pub Sam has tried to busy herself with over the years she's mu-

tually shocked learn Rosie

died in a car accident and overcome by her nostalgic feelings for Michael, But Rosie won't disappear that easily, returning as a ghost, with whom only Sam can communicate. The past haunts her as Sam must reconcile Rosie and reconnect with Michael, all while maintaining the bar that's been her labour of love.



The Flying Carpet of Small Miracles

Author: Hala Jaber Publisher: Viking Canada Price: \$32.00 (Hardcover)

Hala Jaber finds the struggles in her private life inter-twine with the vocation of her public one in her latest work. After trying unsuccessfully to conceive a child with her husband, the journalist couple relocate to Baghdad to report on the American invasion of Iraq. There, they find themselves honing in on the child victims of war, taking special notice of sisters Zahra and Hawra who are the sole survivors of a bombing that killed their family. Despite the children's physical and emotional injury, Jaber and her husband aim to save them, while raising awareness of the cost of combat on BRIAN COULTON/ the young. FOR METRO CANADA

said. Both are felonies. responded Deputies

torney's Office.

COURTS San Diego Chargers star outside linebacker Shawne Merriman was arrested Sunday and accused of choking and restraining his girlfriend, reality TV star Tila Tequila, as she tried to leave his suburban home.

Tequila, 27, signed a citirequina, 7, signed a threen sen's arrest warrant, charging Merriman with battery and false imprisonment, San Diego County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Steadman

about 3:45 a.m. to Merriman's house in Poway, north of San Diego, after a woman called to say she was choked by the player and thrown to the ground when she tried to leave, Sheriff's Department spokesman Jan Caldwell said at a news conference.

Merriman's lawyer, Todd Macaluso, disputed Tequila's story and said he's confident Merriman won't be charged by the District At-

There was absolutely no wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Merriman," Macaluso told The Associated Press by phone. "He essentially was doing what was appropriate





San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman has been accused of choking and restraining reality TV star Tila Tequila

under the circumstances in trying to protect the safety of Miss Tequila. There were numerous evewitnesses that will support his version of the events that transpired at his home.'

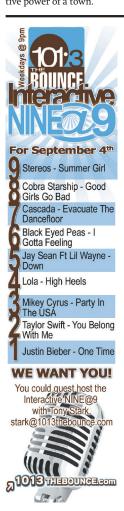
Merriman, 25, also said in a statement late Sunday that he was worried for the safety of Tequila because she appeared to be intoxicated and he didn't want her to drive. He says paramedics who were called to his home reported no iniuries to Tequila.

Merriman was taken into custody and booked into the central jail at about 8:30 a.m. He was released shortly after 11 a.m.

Tequila was taken to a hospital. Her condition was not immediately available. Caldwell said deputies

determined Tequila had been drinking. Caldwell said she wasn't sure if Merriman had been drinking. Macaluso said witnesses he spoke with said Merriman had ordered water three or four times when his group was at a San Diego club before going to his house.

Tequila, whose real name is Tila Nguyen, is best known for A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila, which ran for two seasons on MTV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







Mose TV
No, it's not all shows about
moose. Adam Beach ("North of
60") stars in this half-hour drama as George Keeshig, who returns to his tiny northern hometown of Moose and discovers
an abandoned television studio.
He brings it back to life, which
brings hig chances to the town brings big changes to the town as old secrets are revealed and old baggage is unpacked. 10:30 PM on APTN



Live at the Rehearsal Hall In the 2006 broadcast "Bruce Cockburn," the veteran singer cockount, the veteral singer-songwriter christens the newly renovated interior of the Queen Street Rehearsal Hall with a show that includes old favorites and selections from his instru-mental album "Speechless." He also talks with host Bill Welychka about his long career. 9 PM on

The Cleaner
A former client and undercover narc for the FBI calls on William (Benjamin Bratt) to save his drug-addicted girlfriend, who happens to be the daughter of a powerful Mexican drug dealer. William finds himself in over his William finds nimself in over his head, though, when dealers threaten his family and team as they look for a cache of drugs stolen by the former client. Danay Garcia, Will Estes and Graham Beckel guest star in the new episode "Crossing the Threshold." 11 PM on A&E

Romance wraps up for Jen and Gerard?

Now that Jennifer Aniston has wrapped shooting on The Bounty with Gerard Butler, sources tell Page Six she's worried things will cool off now that the two are going their separate ways. The pair have denied a romance. METRO WORLD NEWS



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Celebrity Buzz

UNGRATEFUL? Megan Fox continues her parade of outrageous quotes about life in Hollywood, this time complaining about director Michael Bay, who made her famous with his Transformers films.

"He's like Napoleon and wants to create this insane, infamous mad-man reputa-tion," Fox told Wonderland magazine.

on his sets, and he is. So he's a nightmare to work for.'

She even suggests he endangered the lives of her and costar Shia LaBeouf. Shia and I almost die when we make a Transformers movie. He has you do some really insane things insurance that would never let you do," she said. METRO WORLD

NEWS

Jonas Bros on the move

ATTN: STALKERS The Jonas Brothers have upgraded their Texas digs, purchasing a six-bedroom, \$2.8million US home in the Dallas suburb of Westlake, according to the Dallas Morning News.

While the family band spends most of its time in



former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe, major leaguer Mark Teixeira and former British champion Brian METRO



Neverland sold to designer

REAL ESTATE MOGUL Michael Jackson's beloved Neverland Ranch reportedly has a new owner. According to AFP, designer Christian Audigier has just purchased the \$90 million US estate to serve as his company's headquarters for Ed

'I can have the house in one month now. I get the kevs two weeks

Hardy.

from today," Audigier said in an interview

Though he'd originally planned to turn the ranch into a museum, he hasn't obtained the authorization to do so. Instead, Audigier will open the doors each year on the anniver-

sary of Jackson's death and organize exhibits shows.

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Björk's marriage on the rocks?

RUMOUR MILL Music and art world gossip-mongers are getting worked up over word that Björk and artist Matthew Barney might be

splitting up. Gawker.com points out that they just purchased a house in Brooklyn Heights without unloading either their down-Manhattan town apartment or their

Long Island home. While the sluggish real estate

market could explain the lack of sales, others speculate that Barney's working relationship with fellow artist Elizabeth Peyton

may have crossed the line from professional to personal and may have come between the married

None of the parties involved commented on the rumours.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Director Bay a tyrant: Fox Madonna mending rift?

TIME HEALS Madonna is making moves to reconcile with her brother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer fell out with Christopher Ciccone over a tell-all book he wrote about the star, which alleged her then-husband Guy Ritchie was a homophobe and that Ritchie was to blame for the breakdown of Ci cone's relationship Cicwith his sister.

outraged with the publication of Life With My Sister Madonna last year, but is now making steps toward speakwith

her

Madonna

brother again and has sent him tentative emails.

A source told Britain's Sunday Mirror newspaper: 'Madonna did it more for her family than for herself. Her feud with Chris was creating huge tension within the family so she decided to be the bigger person.

"At one point Madonna wanted all the family to cut off Chris - but her father wasn't willing," the added. source added "It's been a

nightmare ever She's since. calmed

down about the book and had time to think."

The source noted that Madonna's divorce from Guy last year has helped cool her attitude toward her brother.

She was originally upset by claims in Ciccone's book that Ritchie once tried to intimidate him by driving dangerously close

to him, and that his friends made homophobic remarks to him Ritchie's at stag party. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Celebrity tweets

Danny Masterson has high hopes his anniversary, and Courtney Love reflects on her career before music.

@dannymasterson 5 year anniversary for me and the lady 2day..... Hoping to get to 2nd base!

@Courtneylover79 i suppose a lot of people have been reduced to such circumstances. thank god i worked with my hands on wardrobe on films most of my nascent life, and when i did strip i just worked that pole and played loads of guitar.

WORLD NEWS

Rihanna's got a new boyfriend?

MOVING ON Rihanna has been spotted around Los Angeles with Travis London, who was previously linked to Mary-Kate Olsen, according to Gatecrasher.

"They were very silly and touchy-feely. She looked like she was having a really good

time," said a source of the pair.

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Rumer dreams of parents' reunion

FANTASY Rumer Willis, whose own acting career is taking off, would like to get her parents back together — onscreen, at least. "You know I'd really love that," Willis mused to People about co-starring in a project with

dad Bruce Willis and mom Demi Moore. METRO

NEWS

grown used to all the female attention sent his way by rabid Twilight fans, but what he wasn't prepared for was all the interest from other men. "There's a few male Twilight fans," Pattinson said. ac-

Spy. "More and more guys NOT THE USUAL FANBASE Robert Pattinson has ask me for autographs in fact.' He admits he's a bit concerned as to why so many men would be interested in his autograph. "Unless they're only doing it to sell

Robert's many male fans

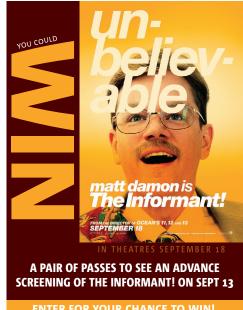
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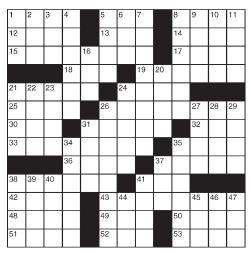






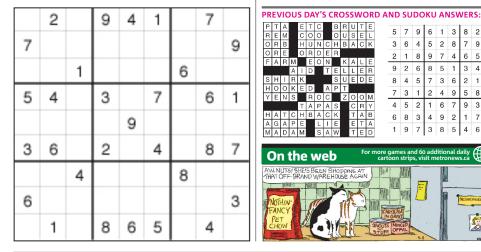
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45 Set afire 46 Verily

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Sweet and Smoky

Chicken Legs

INGREDIENTS:

2 medium onions, sliced 3 lbs (1.4 kg) chicken legs 1 1/2 to 2 tsp (7 to 10 ml) hickory smoked salt 1/2 cup (125 ml) ketchup 1/2 cup (125 ml) maple 1/4 cup (50 ml) vinegar

2 tbsp (25 ml) prepared mustard

1 Place onions in greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. (33 cm x 23 cm x 5 cm) baking dish; arrange chicken in

single layer over onions. Sprinkle with salt.

2. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over all, completely coating chicken.

3. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F(180 C) 1 hour or until juices run clear, basting several times.

SERVES 6

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Some people have a way of get-ting under your skin, but if you stay calm and refuse to react to their stupidity you will feel better

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

You may not like making difficult decisions but today's Venus-Pluto aspect will help you push your emotions to one side and do what has to be done.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

Do whatever it takes to stay on good terms with partners and colleagues, because if you fall out now you may regret it later.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22 Being such a can-do person others are always approaching you to help them out in some way, but time is limited at the

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 A family or financial issue must be resolved — not tomorrow or the day after but now. Today's cosmic alignments will make it

easy for you to work things out.

On the web

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll be on an ultra tight schedule today, so if you had planned to take some time off over the next 24 hours you had best put them on hold.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 Get your head out of the clouds and start thinking along more practical lines. Pluto in your op-posite sign of Capricorn will compel you to recognize truths.

CAPRICORN

Aim to accomplish something memorable today, something that brings you to the attention of the right kind of people.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You have never been the sort to dwell on what might have been. As far as you are con-cerned what's done is done and cannot be undone

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Certain people may be annoy ing but don't let them drag you down to their level. If you cannot adopt a positive attitude then just remove yourself.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

With the Sun transiting your birth sign you are determined to accomplish great things, and so you shall.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

The planets promise that although things may be tough for you at the moment they will be much better in the

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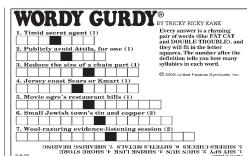
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All-Inclusive • Oceanview rm. Sept. 10 - 13, 15 - 18 & 22 - 30 1 wk.

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